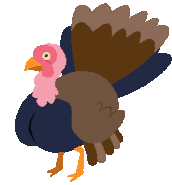


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Dear Parents, Patrons, and Friends of Heartland Community Schools,

I am sure you are aware of the Federal Stimulus Funds that have been made available to school districts across the country. The state of Nebraska has used a good portion of these funds for state aid to schools. Since we are a non equalized district, we have not received any funds through the state aid formula. What is a non-equalized district? There are approximately 45-50 school districts in the state that are considered land rich districts and Heartland is one of them. This means that our valuations are high in comparison to our number of students and as a result, the state does not send state aid dollars to offset the difference as they would if we had low valuations and a larger number of students.

We are receiving stimulus funds for our Title I program and for I.D.E.A. (special education) funds. The Title I funds help us to totally fund the cost of the program as we have subsidized the program through the general fund for the past number of years. We are using the I.D.E.A. funds to assist the classroom teachers to make their lessons more visual. We are placing laptop computers, projectors, and interactive white boards in each of the classrooms that will assist special needs students as well as other students. We are also purchasing computers and software for the special education classrooms. We are receiving approximately \$25,000 for the Title I program, \$12,500 for last year and \$12,500 for the current school year. The I.D.E.A. funds total approximately \$80,000, divided equally between last year and this year. Hopefully, this gives you an overview of how the district is spending our stimulus funds.

These additional funds will definitely be a plus for providing additional technology opportunities for our staff and students.

With winter approaching, we also want to remind each of you that winter weather is something we take very seriously in relation to student transportation. It is not only the school bus safety that we are concerned about, but also the many student drivers that are on the road each morning. When bad weather occurs, we usually are out checking road conditions by 4:30 to 5:00 a.m. In addition to the school related announcements that are listed elsewhere in this newsletter, we also will use our calling system called School Reach. Please make sure we have your most up-to-date phone numbers so that you will be notified by the automatic calling system. In the mornings we will only attempt to call your main contact number, whether it is your land line or cell phone that you have designated. If we should dismiss school after school has begun, we will attempt to call both your designated number as well as

additional cell phone numbers of both parents. You may also call 402-723-4421 to hear a recorded school weather announcement or access the school web page at www.heartlandschools.org for more information. Please call this number rather than calling the regular school number for school closing information. We want to provide you with up-to-date information and hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable winter.

Sincerely,
Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent

HEARTLAND MARCHING BAND

The Heartland Huskie Marching Band has concluded its 2009 marching band season. They attended the Yorkfest Parade on September 19th where they were awarded 1st Place in Class C and the Governors Trophy for the best band in the Parade. This was the third consecutive year Heartland received the Governors Trophy, which will now permanently reside at the school. This trophy has been traveling for 21 years.

On October 3rd the band attended the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island. They received 1st place in Class C and the KOLN KGIN T.V. Traveling Trophy for the best overall band in Class C & D. There were 60 bands from around the state in that division. The band has received the traveling trophy four out of the last eight years.

The band would like to thank everyone who attended the competitions. We appreciate the support along the parade routes!

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, NTV and KOLN. In Henderson it will be announced with voiceover capabilities on any cable channel (in town) when your TV is on. This year we are again implementing an automated phone message service through School Reach which we plan on using for school closings. 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 at 10:00PM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM (cable only).

**COMMUNITY NIGHT AT WENDY'S RESTURANT IN
YORK
2nd MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH!
5 PM - 8PM
10% OF ALL SALES DONATED TO OUR SCHOOL!**

Blood Mobile November 5

On Thursday, November 5, 2009 the National Honor Society of Heartland Community School will sponsor the Nebraska Community Blood Bank. The Blood Bank will run from 11:00 am-5:00 pm in the old gym at the Heartland School. Registration will be different this year as donors will receive a call from the Nebraska Community Blood Bank instead of Heartland NHS members. The public is able to make an appointment through the Blood Bank caller or online at the Blood Bank web site at the bottom of this article. Walk-ins are also welcome. This blood will be available for patients served by Henderson Health Care Services. Donating blood also can provide an opportunity for Heartland NHS students to earn scholarship funds.

Donor Requirements:

- At least 17 years old (no upper age limit)
- Weigh 115 pounds or more
- Be in good health
 - * No flu, colds, cold sores, or antibiotics- 72 hours prior to donating
 - * No risk of HIV or hepatitis
- Bring a government issued photo I.D.

Health Conditions: donors with blood-related types of cancer are unable to donate. Donors with other types of cancer may be able to donate after being cancer free for at least one year with a note from their physician and a review from the Nebraska Community Blood Bank Medical Director. People with skin cancer and basal cell carcinoma can donate. A donor with diabetes can donate if the diabetes is controlled. A donor is eligible after a full recovery from surgery and when he/she has been released from physician's care. If a person is pregnant she is unable to donate.

Medications

Acceptable

Allergy medications
Antidepressants
Asthma medications
Blood pressure medications
Cholesterol-lowering medications
All Diabetic medications
Thyroid replacements

Unacceptable

Accutane, Proscar, Soriatane, Tegison
Propecia
Allergy Vaccines-24 hour deferral
Antibiotics-72 hour deferral
Coumadin
Flushot-24 hour deferral
MMR/Rubella-4 week deferral
Hepatitis B immunizations - 2 week deferral

<http://www.don8bld.org/ols/default.asp?site=Heartland%20Community%20Schools¤tDate=11/5/2009&mobile>
1-877-486-9414 ask for Ashlee



Front Row: Crista Buller, Katie Wilhelm and Tori Bittinger. Back Row: Ariel Lundstrom, Mariah Kliewer, Randian Spencer, Ashley Quiring, Mikaelyn Dick and Kim Goossen.

HEARTLAND FBLA MEMBERS ATTEND FALL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Nebraska Fall Leadership Conference was held Sept. 29 in Kearney at the Ramada Inn. This conference was a one-day workshop for FBLA officers and members. The FBLA state officers shared information on various activities and state goals. This year's theme is "Simply the Best."

The 2009-2010 Nebraska FBLA goals are: Broadcast – increase Business Achievement Award recipients to 150, enhance the Pledge, raise \$10,000 for the Nebraska FBLA Foundation and provide Gold Seal and Sweepstakes Award information; Everyone – encourage communication, support chapter networking, join the Nebraska FBLA Facebook group, complete state officer TV and radio spots, challenge chapters to connect with at least one local business and develop an FBLA project brochure; Service - raise \$17,000 for the March of Dimes, participate in Go Green! Challenge and Tally It Up to seven service hours per member; Target – strengthen membership by two members per chapter, charter or reactivate five chapters and educate chapters on parliamentary procedure.

The keynote speaker at the general session was Bill Cordes. His presentation was titled, "Let's face it, FBLA is a "YOGOWYPI" (You Only Get Out What You Put In) Adventure. He explained that you can belong, go through the motions, get done and survive, or you can use the FBLA Adventure as an opportunity to jump start you into career and life success. In his interactive keynote, the students learned some small adjustments to make in their approach to FBLA that will make a huge difference in what FBLA can do for them. Following the general session, the officers and members attended individual workshops.

The following officers and members attended the conference: President Crista Buller, Vice President Randian Spencer, Secretary Tori Bittinger, Reporter Katie Wilhelm, Historian Mariah Kliewer, Committee Rep Kim Goossen and members Ariel Lundstrom, Ashley Quiring and Mikaelyn Dick. Also attending the conference was adviser Kristy Most.

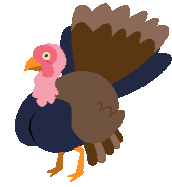


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In October the Art Club was busy with Homecoming. They sponsored the first Homecoming Poster Contest and entered a float in the Homecoming Parade. Members of the group met at Mariah Kliever's house on the Thursday before the parade to have

hotdogs and work on the float in her garage. Some members enjoyed riding on the float and throwing candy during Friday's homecoming parade. The winner of the poster contest was the Senior class which earned them extra points in the pep rally contests. All class posters were on display in the theater hallway and added a unique twist to the Homecoming events.

WHAT'S COOKING IN FCS?

Family and Consumer Science classes are getting ready for the holiday season. The Culinary Foods class will hold their open house on November 11, 2009 in the FCS room. They will have an autumn theme in decorations and food served. Other FCS classes have made cloth-stuffed pumpkins and are doing sewing units. A special thank you to Mrs. Koehler for donating her parent's sewing machine and cabinet to the FCS department.

AVOID EMPTY PRAISE TO RAISE A RESPONSIBLE, CONFIDENT CHILD

We all know that kids need to feel confident about themselves so they can take on challenges. But sometimes, efforts to boost kids' self-esteem can go too far. That's what college professors and bosses are saying these days.

Many bosses say that their young workers don't have the skills to be successful on the job. After a few weeks, they expect to be promoted. When they're asked to do the tasks for which they were hired, they balk.

In college, some students fall apart when professors criticize their work.

There's no question that kids need self-esteem to grow into healthy adults. But self-esteem that matters grows out of doing this well. Empty praise does more harm than good.

In fact, Sam Goldstein, a researcher at the University of Utah, says that too many kids are like bubbles. "They seem happy. But if they face even a little trouble, they burst."

It is important for you to praise your child. But save it for times when you can deliver it sincerely.

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HELP YOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER DEVELOP AN ACHIEVEMENT ATTITUDE

Attitudes are like mental pictures. Basketball players who can picture themselves scoring a basket can usually do just that. Students who have a positive picture of themselves being successful in the classroom are more likely to achieve.

As a parent, you have the ability to help your child create positive pictures and positive thoughts about what she can do. Here are some ways you can help your child create an attitude of achievement:

- Picture success in school. Help your child create a mental picture of success. "I want you to see yourself getting an A on that book report."
- Stress the importance of effort. If your child is struggling, say, "When you studied hard last week, you got your spelling words right. You can do it."
- Give the positive behavior you see a name. "I was so proud when you were kind to the new boy in class today."

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HEARTLAND PTO MEETINGS

Dec 7, 2009

Feb. 1, 2010

April 6, 2010

7:00 PM in the Conference Room

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

WINTER COAT DRIVE

NOV 2-20, 2009

Drop Coats off at the school.

Heartland Community Schools

Henderson/Bradshaw
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2009
Conference Room
8:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Galen R. Friesen, Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Kerri Kliewer, and Paul Brune. Absent: Mark Dick. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Principals Tim Carr and Cindy Huebert. Faculty: Cole Blomendahl

I. Call to Order

President Braun called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

II. President Braun 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 Brune, second by Wilhelm, to approve the agenda. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against: 1-absent (Dick).

IV. Member Absent:

Action 2: Motion by Friesen, second by Kliewer, to approve the absence of Mark Dick. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against: 1-absent (Dick).

V. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

VI. Minutes of Meetings

Minutes of August 10, 2009 regular meeting, August 27, 2009 special meeting, and August 27, 2009 budget hearing.

VII. Treasurer's Report

The General Fund Treasurer's report was reviewed and filed pending audit.

VIII. Claims

General Fund

IX. Financial Reports

The financial reports for the School Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, Unemployment Fund, and the Depreciation Fund were reviewed and filed pending audit.

Action 3: Motion by Friesen, second by Brune, to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes, claims and financial reports. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against: 1-absent (Dick).

X. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on the Elementary PTO officers which include Anne Regier, President, Sara

Arbuck, Project Coordinator, Nichole Wetjen, Secretary, Barb Casper, Treasurer, and teacher representatives Diane Crouch and Cindy Goff; elementary open house held on September 1; MAP (Measurers of Academic Progress) testing in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, & 8th grades; students involved in extra curricular activities; plans for John Baylor ACT Test Prep which will be offered to juniors and seniors beginning September 16; a list of FFA members accomplishments at the Nebraska State Fair; Southern Nebraska Conference Sportsmanship Summit, SENCAP; College Credit courses; Homecoming week plans; H1N1 flu update sent to parents; and the Jr. High home rooms selling smencils.

XI. Track/Football Field Update

Supt. Yoder reported that most of the work has been completed and that they were starting on the painting of the lines this afternoon.

XII. Discussion with Neighboring Districts

No further discussions have taken place with neighboring school districts

XIII. FFA Trip to the National Convention

Action 4: Motion by Kliewer, second by Brune, to approve the FFA officers and Mr. Blomendahl attending the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis at the end of October. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against: 1-absent (Dick).

XIV. 2009-2010 Tax Levy Setting

Action 5: Motion by Friesen, second by Kliewer, to set the tax levy for 2009-2010 as follows: General Fund \$1.057549 and the Qualified Capital Purposes Undertaking Fund at \$0.20286. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against: 1-absent (Dick).

XV. Mower Replacement

Supt. Yoder reviewed the needs for replacing the Grasshopper riding mower.

XVI. Personnel

Action 6: Motion by Brune, second by Braun, to approve Jodi Govig as a para educator in the elementary. Motion Carried: 5-for; 0-against: 1-absent (Dick).

XVII. NASB/AASA State Convention

Plans were made to attend the State Convention in November.

XVIII. Adjournment

President Braun adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2nd-20th - FCA Winter Coat Drive

November 5th - Community Bloodmobile 11:00 am-5:00 pm

November 5th - Chamber of Commerce Strategic Planning Meeting 6:00 pm

November 9th - Board of Education Meeting 7:00 pm

November 10th - Teacher In-Service, 2 hour late start

November 10th - Fall Vocal Concert 7:30 pm

November 19th - School Picture Retakes

November 23rd - 7-12 Fall Band Concert 7:30 pm

November 25th - Dismiss @ 1:30 pm, Thanksgiving Vacation

November 26th - NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Vacation

November 27th - NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Vacation