## The

Huskies Leader

From Brad Best, Superintendent...

It is looking like the weather may straighten out for a long enough period of time to complete the harvest. I hope that it is put away and everyone is safe by the time this newsletter goes to press.

I want to, once again, thank the board and our patrons for supporting our fullday staff professional development schedule. We can accomplish so much more when we utilize full days versus a couple hours here and there. As an example, on November 2nd, we are loading all of our teachers on the activity bus and traveling to Kearney for a statewide technology conference. It is exciting to be able to provide ongoing education to our staff in these ways, so thank you for your support.

The garage project continues to progress. Students in the industrial arts classes are working on this project with Mr. Buzek. It has already proven to be a rewarding hands-on learning activity and they are all doing a great job! The garage will house our school vehicles that we use almost daily, such as the school car and Suburban. Once it is complete, we will tear down the old bus barn and open that space up to additional parking. We are talking with design engineers at the moment to address drainage issues that have been prevalent near the archway for years. Hopefully, we can solve these issues, increase parking and traffic flow, and make the archway entry much more inviting to patrons and visitors.

We wish you a safe, restful, and family-filled holiday season!


## 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.
We also use an automated phone message service through School Reach which we will use to contact parents about school closings. With this service it is very important that we have current contact 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:ооPM. 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.


## PERENNIAL POWER

On October 9th, representatives from Perennial Power presented information on Electrical Safety to fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Students learned different safety tips as well as information about electricity. The visit was during Public Power Week.


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## THIRD GRADE FIELD TRIP

Third grade attended the Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival at Concordia University. Students were able to meet with popular children's authors and illustrators. We had the opportunity to listen to Harry Bliss and Megan McDonald.


## PBIS

October's PBiS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) focus areas are the cafeteria and playground. This month PK-6 grade students have focused on learning and practicing the expectations around our PAWS slogan.
$\mathbf{P}$ - Practice Safety
A- Act Responsibly
$\mathbf{W}$ - Wise Choices
S - Show Respect

## CLASS C GIRLS STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Elizabeth Mestl for shooting an 84 and placing 3 rd at the Class C Girls State Golf Tournament. The two day tournament was shortened to one day due to bad weather. The event took place in North Platte at River's Edge Golf Course. Ninetyone girls competed for the Class C title.


ELEMENTARY STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
This year 27 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students tried out for the Elementary Student Leadership Team. These students completed an application and presented brief persuasive speeches in front of their respective classes highlighting their leadership skills and ideas. Of these 27 students, nine students were selected by a majority vote by each class.

This years team members include:
4th Grade: Meggan Friesen, Emma Ott and Camden Riggs
5th Grade: Brayden Ogorzolka, Laura Splinter and Brooklynn Veerhusen
6th Grade: Creighton Friesen, Braelynn Renz and Thane Wetjen

On October 16th, Mrs. Reinke and the Student Leadership Team went to Doane University to participate in the Region i Leadership Conference. This conference showcased 16 different elementary teams from throughout the area. Team Concepts from Kearney facilitated the activities focusing on team building and leadership. Students were engaged and busy throughout the conference.

## Label Clothing

With cold weather here, we encourage you to label coats, gloves, hats, etc. with a permanent marker. This helps when belongings get misplaced. Thank you!!!


The 5th graders will be graduating from
D.A.R.E.Tuesday, November 6th at 7:00 pm in the Heartland Theater.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS


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## JUNIOR HIGH ROBOTICS

Robotics is blasting off and preparing to program! "INTO ORBIT" is the topic for this year's competition. The FLL teams need to identify a human physical or social problem faced during long duration space explorations, propose a solution to that problem, and then share their problem and solution with others. The robotic teams consist of 6th-8th graders. The 6th grade team is the ASTRO HACKERS consisting of Austin Schmidt, Jace Friesen, Blake Goertzen, Brady Goertzen, Weston Ohrt, and Thane Wetjen. The 7th/8th grade team is the DIGI-MINDS consisting of Wyatt Panko, Ben Janzen, Ava Tessman, Maddie Maltsberger, Owen Mierau, and Ryan Hiebner. The members are coached by Carrie Regier, Margalee Thomas, and Marietta Adams. The teams have a qualifying contest on January i2th in Columbus. If they qualify they will then compete February 16th at the Strategic Air Command Museum.

## Whooping Cough

Now that school year has started, Four Corners Health Department is concerned with the health of you and your family. They would like to share with you some facts about Whooping Cough, or Pertussis as they have had recent cases in young and school-aged children. Whooping Cough is very serious illness that affects the lungs and breathing tubes, causing violent coughing that is difficult to stop. It is easily spread to other people through the air by coughing and sneezing. It is most harmful for young babies and can be deadly. Watch for the signs of whooping cough:

- Runny or stuffed-up nose
- Sneezing
- Mild cough
- A pause in breathing in infants
- When children gasp for breath after a coughing fit, they make a "whooping" sound
- Babies and young children may turn blue while coughing from lack of oxygen.

If you or your children have these signs, check with your family physician and be tested. The good news is that the illness can be prevented with DTAP vaccine and treated with antibiotics. If you have any questions please call the Four Corners Health Department at (402-) 362-2621 or toll free (877) 337-3573.


## HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WINS \$Io,ooo GRANT TO FURTHER STEM EDUCATION - THANKS TO LOCAL FARMERS

Heartland Community Schools was awarded a 2018 America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant for $\$ 1 \mathrm{o}, 000$. Six area farmers nominated our school for the grant, which is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The school chose to apply for the startup of a VEX Robotics extra-curricular program at the high school level. Three years ago, Heartland started a LEGO Mindstorms robotics club for the middle school level, but does not have a high school program for students to continue the opportunities in robotics.

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto company, is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening farm communities and the communities where Monsanto employees live and work. Local farmers can nominate schools to receive a grant of $\$ 2500$ for a specific need or to encourage schools to apply for a $\$$ ro,ooo or $\$ 35,000$ grant.

[^0]The VEX EDR robotics program will benefit eleven 9th-I2th graders in the first year of the program. The main goal for VEX robotics is to introduce students to the different aspects of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Curriculum. A VEX robot is built by team members to play a sport-like game. The team builds the robot and then programs the robot to run 15 seconds in an autonomous phase by using Modkit a C-Based Programing Language within VEX Coding Studio software. After the initial mode, it is followed by a $1: 45$ driver controlled part. The student will control robots movements using a handheld controller that students initially program the movement for each button and joystick. This year Heartland will attend 3 to 5 competitions in the area.

This grant is allowing the school to purchase the VEX Robotics kits, pay for competitions and travel expenses, and payment for the sponsors, Mr. Marc Regier and Ms. Margalee Thomas. Heartland students want to thank the area farmers, Jami Schmidt, Lonnie Quiring, Brad Janzen, Jeremy Janzen, Grant Schmidt, and Amy Janzen, who nominated our school which allowed Heartland to apply for the grant. We encourage all York and Hamilton County farmers to continue to nominate Heartland Community Schools or other area schools yearly for STEM related projects. Another part of Monsanto Fund organization awards $\$ 2,500$ with a nomination from farmers to school districts to be used in any academic area they designate.

On Friday night, October 8th, 2018, Monsanto representatives, Tammy Ott, Lynn Gloystein, and Rob Miles presented the facsimile $\$$ Io,ooo check and plaque to Heartland teachers, Margalee Thomas, VEX Robotics coach, and Stephanie Miller, Agriculture instructor. Ten of eleven VEX Robotics students and two are farmers were also present for the award presentation.


## TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN INTHE HEARTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

All of us know the importance of social attachment (or bonding) with infants. As young children continue to grow, their experiences with the special people in their lives (parents, extended family, daycare providers and preschool teachers, other adults and friends) help them develop the communication and social skills they need.

Research, as well as our experience as educators, tells us that the single best predictor of school success is communication skills. Children entering kindergarten who can process (listen) and use language (speak) do well in school. However, those who do not process or communicate well will struggle without assistance or intervention in school. The school is responsible for providing free early intervention services to children from birth to age five who qualify, so that they can receive the help they need.

As children grow, learn and change, they can benefit from developmental wellness visits, just like they need regular preventive check-ups from a family doctor. Our school provides this "developmental check-up" to parents of children birth to age 5 to share developmental information on communication, gross motor, fine motor, self-help, and social skills. The early childhood personnel at the school can provide current and useful information to parents concerning the early development of their baby, toddler, or preschooler.

## We invite you to join us for Ch.I.L.D. Day-Childhood Information on Language and Development: Friday, November 16, 2018 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Interested parents who live in the Heartland School District can call the school office in Henderson to schedule an appointment with the early intervention staff. The Ch.I.L.D. Day will be conducted in the Heartland Preschool room at the Heartland School in Henderson.for children ages $3^{-5}$ and in the family home for babies to age 3. Participation in Ch.I.L.D. Day is free and completely voluntary and is conducted in a confidential manner. Further information may need to be gathered at a later time if the parents and school staff see any concerns. Parental permission is required for any further evaluation.

## Communication Milestones

## By 4 months:

- Eye contact; social smile
- Laughs aloud, squeals, coos


## By 9 months:

- Babbles; uses repeated consonant sounds, like
"mama" or "dada"
- Plays "peek-a-boo"


## By 12 months:

- Imitates sounds and actions
- Understands simple phrases
- Waves good-bye, plays patty-cake

By 18 months:

- Says "Mama/Dada" for parents
- Uses at least 5 words
- Asks for food/drink with words

By 24 months:

- Says io or more words
- Follows simple instructions
- Uses two-word combinations

By 3 years:

- Uses words that are easily understood by unfamiliar adults
- Talks in at least $3^{\text {-word }}$ phrases
- Engages in pretend play

By 4 years:

- Plays cooperatively with peers
- Totally understandable in conversation by unfamiliar adults/peers
- Adjusts easily to changes in routine or schedule
- Speaks in complete sentences, combining ideas with "and", "or", "but"
- Has an extended vocabulary

The Heartland Community School wishes to extend this invitation as one way of providing support and information to parents of young children in our district. The school's number is $402^{-723-4434}$ to register for Ch.I.L.D. Day.


## THREE HEARTLAND STUDENTS CHOSEN FORTHE NEBRASKA ALL-STATE BAND, CHORUS, JAZZ BAND AND ORCHE STRA

Each year approximately 3000 of the best high school musicians in the state audition for the opportunity to be chosen for a place in one of the musical groups. Selection as a member of one of these groups is one of the highest music honors attainable in Nebraska. We are proud to announce that Senior Zachary Dente (Tenor 2), Sophomore Lauren Quiring (Alto 2) and Sophomore Wynema Stracener (Alto 2) of Heartland Community Schools will be among the 440 students selected to be a part of the 2018 All-State Chorus. Guest conductor for the group will be Z. Randall Stroope, an American composer, conductor and lecturer. The All-State Chorus will rehearse Wednesday, November 14th through Friday, November 16th on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus, the host site of the 2018 NMEA Conference/Clinic. A final public concert will be held on Friday, November 16th at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.


Zachary Dente


Lauren 2uiring


Wynema Stracener

## Upcoming Dates

Nov 2, 2018
NO SCHOOL - Teachers Professional Day
Nov 5, 2018
Fall Vocal Concert (5-12th) @ 7:30pm
Nov 6, 2018
5th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation @ 7:00pm

Nov 12, 2018
Veterans Day Program@ 9:ooam
Nov 12, 2018
School Board Meeting @ 8:00pm
Nov 20, 2018
Fall Band Concert @ 7:30pm
Nov 21-23, 2018 Fall Break-NO SCHOOL

Nov 28, 2018
District One Acts

## FIRE SAFETY

On October itth, volunteers from the Henderson and Bradshaw Fire Departments visited Heartland Elementary. Students in grades 2nd through 4th learned about Fire Safety. Students had the opportunity to get an up close look at fire trucks and ambulances. Heartland School would like to thank the volunteers that serve our local fire and emergency departments.
 WINTER ACTIVITY SCHEDULE 2018-2019

| VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Friday, November 30-@Wilber-Clatonia (Wilber) | ber) 7:45 PM |
| Friday, December 7-@Exeter-Milligan (Exeter) | ) 7:30 PM |
| Saturday, December 8-HAMPTON | 5:30 PM |
| Friday, December 14-@Thayer Central (Hebron) | on) 8:00 PM |
| Tuesday, December 18-@Centennial (Utica) | 8:00 PM |
| Thursday, December 20-@McCool Junction Followin | Following V-Girls |
| Friday, December 28-PALMER | 5:30 PM |
| Saturday, January 5-CROSS COUNTY | 5:30 PM |
| Tuesday, January 8-@Superior | 8:00 PM |
| Thursday, January 10-FILLMORE CENTRAL | 8:00 PM |
| Friday, January 11-EAST BUTLER | 8:00 PM |
| Tuesday, January 15-HIGH PLAINS | 8:00 PM |
| Saturday, January 19-@Sutton | 5:15 PM |
| Tuesday, January 22-NE CHRISTIAN | 8:00 PM |
| Thursday, January 24-FRIEND | 8:00 PM |
| M/T/TH/S January 28,29,31 February 2-SNC Tourney | Tourney TBA |
| Tuesday, February 5-DESHLER | 8:00 PM |
| Thursday, February 7-@Osceola | 8:00 PM |
| Friday, February 15-@Sandy Creek | 7:45 PM |
| M/T/TH February 18, 19, 21-Sub-Districts | TBA |
| Tuesday, Feb. 26-District Finals | TBA |
| TH/F/S March 7, 8, 9—State Tourney @Lincoln | T TBA |
| JV BOYS BASKETBALL |  |
| Friday, November 30-@Wilber-Clatonia (Wilber) | ber) $\quad 4: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| Friday, December 7-@Exeter-Milligan (Exeter) | ) $4: 45 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| Saturday, December 8-HAMPTON | 2:00 PM |
| Friday, December 14-@Thayer Central (Hebron) | on) $\quad 4: 30 \mathrm{PM}$ |
| Tuesday, December 18-@Centennial (Utica) | 4:30 PM |
| Thursday, December 20-@McCool Junction Followin | Following Girls JV |
| Friday, December 28-PALMER | 2:00 PM |
| Saturday, January 5-CROSS COUNTY | 2:00 PM |
| Tuesday, January 8-@Superior | 4:30 PM |
| Thursday, January 10-FILLMORE CENTRAL | 4:30 PM |
| Friday, January 11-EAST BUTLER | 4:30 PM |
| Tuesday, January 15-HIGH PLAINS | 4:30 PM |
| Saturday, January 19-@Sutton | 2:00 PM |
| Tuesday, January 22-NE CHRISTIAN | 4:30 PM |
| Thursday, January 24-FRIEND | 4:30 PM |
| Monday, February 4-HARVARD (Reserve Game Only) | ( Only) 5:00 PM |
| Tuesday, February 5-DESHLER | 4:30 PM |
| Thursday, February 7-@Osceola Followin | Following Girls JV |
| Friday, February 15-@Sandy Creek | 6:00 PM |


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| Friday, December 7-@Exeter-Milligan (Exeter) | 6:00 PM |
| Saturday, December 8-HAMPTON | 3:45 PM |
| Tuesday, December 11-@Shelby-Rising City (Shelby) | 7:30 PM |
| Friday, December 14-@Thayer Central (Hebron) | 6:15 PM |
| Tuesday, December 18-@Centennial (Utica) | 6:15 PM |
| Thursday, December 20-@McCool Junction Followin | g JV Boys |
| Friday, December 28-PALMER | 3:45 PM |
| Saturday, January 5-CROSS COUNTY | 3:45 PM |
| Tuesday, January 8-@Superior | 6:15 PM |
| Thursday, January 10-FILLMORE CENTRAL | 6:15 PM |
| Friday, January 11-EAST BUTLER | 6:15 PM |
| Tuesday, January 15-HIGH PLAINS | 6:15 PM |
| Saturday, January 19-@Sutton | 3:30 PM |
| Tuesday, January 22-NE CHRISTIAN | 6:15 PM |
| Thursday, January 24-FRIEND | 6:15 PM |
| M/T/TH/S January 28,29,31 February 2-SNC Tourney | TBA |
| Tuesday, February 5-DESHLER | 6:15 PM |
| Thursday, February 7-@Osceola | 6:15 PM |
| M/T/TH February 11, 12, 14-Sub-Districts | TBA |
| Friday, February 22-District Finals | TBA |
| Th/F/S February 28 March 1, 2-State Tourney @Lincol | TBA |
| JV GIRLS BASKETBALL |  |
| Friday, November 30-@Wilber-Clatonia (Wilber) | 4:30 PM |
| Friday, December 7-@Exeter-Milligan (Exeter) | 4:00 PM |
| Saturday, December 8-HAMPTON | 2:00 PM |
| Tuesday, December 11-@Shelby-Rising City (Shelby) | 6:00 PM |
| Friday, December 14-@Thayer Central (Hebron) | 4:30 PM |
| Tuesday, December 18-@Centennial (Utica) | 4:30 PM |
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| Thursday, January 24-FRIEND | 4:30 PM |
| Tuesday, February 5-DESHLER | 4:30 PM |
| Thursday, February 7-@Osceola | 4:15 PM |

## JR. HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday, January 5—@Shelby-Rising City (RC) 10:00/11:00 AM Monday, January 7—@Cross County (Stromsburg) 4:00/5:00PM Monday, January 14—SANDY CREEK 4:00/5:00 PM Saturday, February 2—SUTTON 9:00/10:00 AM Monday, February 4—HARVARD (B Game) 4:00 PM Monday, February 4---FILLMORE CENTRAL (A Game) 5:00 PM Thursday, February 7—CENTENNIAL 4:00/5:00 PM Saturday, February 9—@Friend 10:00/11:00 AM Monday, February 11—@Palmer 4:00/5:00 PM

## JR. HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, November 8-HARVARD
4:00/5:00 PM
Tuesday, November 13-FILLMORE CENTRAL 4:30/5:30 PM
Thursday, November 15-FRIEND 4:00/5:00 PM
Monday, November 19—@Shelby-Rising City (RC) 4:30/5:30 PM
Monday, November 26-@Sandy Creek (Clay Center)4:00/5:00 PM
Monday, December 3-@Sutton 4:00/5:00 PM
Saturday, December 8-CROSS COUNTY
9:00/10:00 AM
Monday, December 10—FULLERTON
5:00/6:00 PM

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Thursday, December 6-Elem. Holiday Concert
Monday, December $17-7{ }^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ Holiday Concert 2:30/7:00 PM

Friday, January 26-JH Vocal Clinic Concert
7:30 PM
Monday, February 25-Winter Concert 9-12 Band/Vocal
7:00 PM
7:30 PM

November 2018



## HEARTLAND HUSKIE BAND "HARVEST OF HARMONY CHAMPIONS"

On Saturday, October 6th, 2018 the Harvest of Harmony Committee along with the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce sponsored the 77th Annual Harvest of Harmony Parade. This is the largest gathering of parade marching bands in the United States and it is listed in the Guinness World Book of Records. There were ios bands marching in this year's parade.

The parade bands are judged for music, marching and general effect score. The Heartland Huskie Band was the overall Parade Champion regardless of classification. The Heartland Band also received the NTV Traveling Trophy for the best band in Classes C \& D and ist Place in Class C.

Other class winners:

- Class C: Crofton second, Wood River third, Amherst fourth.
- Class D: Osmond first, Alma second, Neligh-Oakdale third, Deshler fourth.
- Class B: Aurora first, Syracuse second, Pierce third.
- Class A: Grand Island Northwest first and Crete second.
- Class AA: Kearney first and Grand Island Senior High second.

The Heartland Band appreciated all of the Heartland family along the parade route.


## Heartland Vocal Music Concert November 5

Students in grades 5-12 will present a Fall Concert on Monday, November 5th at 7:30PM in the HCS theater. Students have been working hard to prepare singing and choreography to share in this public performance. Hope to see you there!


## SCARECROW PUMPKIN PATCH

The Kindergarten class had a great time at the pumpkin patch! We played, roasted hot dogs and smore's over a fire pit, and then played some more. They took a tractor/trailer ride to the pumpkin patch and picked a pumpkin big enough to carry and then they got to play again! We want to give a special thank you to all of the volunteers that helped us have a wonderful day!

## December Reminders

Dec 5, 2018
State One Acts
Dec 6, 2018
Elem. Holiday Concert
2:30/7:00pm
Dec 8, 2018
ACT Test
Dec 10-20, 2018
NHS Food Drive
Dec 10, 2018
School Board Meeting @

> 7:oopm

Dec 12, 2018
FFA District Leadership
Development Contest
Dec 17, 2018
JH/HS Holiday Concert @ 7:30pm
Dec 2I-Jan 2
NO SCHOOL

## Non-Profit Organization

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[^0]:    * Since 20II, more than \$16 million has been awarded to over 900 rural school districts to enhance math and science education.
    * Each year, $\$ 2.3$ million is granted to about 165 school districts in rural communities across the United States.

