

From Brad Best, Superintendent...

To our parents and supporters,

Classes are off to a quick and smooth start for the 2016-17 school year. We are looking forward to great things! It's a great time to be a Huskie!

Budget

The school board has approved the budget for the 2016-17 school year and for the third year in a row, is asking for fewer tax dollars than the year prior. We will pay off our bonds this fall, which will reduce the levy, as well.

Tax Asking	2013	2014	2015	2016
General Fund	\$4,388,619	\$4,391,581	\$4,252,170	\$3,855,800
Special Building Fund	\$155,572	\$39,839	\$69,192	\$63,636
Qualified Capital Expense Fund	\$143,820	\$206,778	\$209,369	\$0
Total Tax Asking	\$4,688,011	\$4,638,198	\$4,530,731	\$3,919,436

The savings over the last few years is largely due to the turnover in staff. We will continue to be fiscally responsible moving forward, but I would anticipate that there will be fewer changes among our staff over the next few years.

Courtyards

Our courtyard renovations are nearly complete and teachers and students have begun using the spaces for outdoor learning activities. On October 14th, we are hosting Homecoming and would like to use this evening as an opportunity to open the spaces and provide a tour to all those interested. We will begin a short program at 6:15 PM and provide information until 7:00. We will have the courtyards open until just after sunset so as to allow you to see them lit up at night. Funds for the creation of these outdoor classrooms came from the special building fund and a grant.

Please join us on the evening of October 14th for volleyball, a tour, and the football game!



Students belped with different phases of the renovation while learning about landscaping from Travis Friesen of Friesen Landscaping.



The plant science students gathered soil samples to send in for analysis. The results will be used to prepare their crop plot for spring planting.



An overhead view of the East courtyard.

HEARTLAND FBLA KICKS OFF A NEW YEAR

The Heartland FBLA chapter kicked off a new year on August 22 with our annual magazine sales fundraiser. Our fundraiser was very successful this year as we increased sales by over fifty percent from last year. Thank you to all who purchased magazine subscriptions to support our organization.

The officers for this year are: President Leslie Braun, Vice President Brooke Weisheit, Secretary Isabelle Vanderneck, Treasurer Aaron Buller, News Reporter Brittany Quiring, Historian Sadie Carr, and Committee Rep. Colton Monnier.

Heartland FBLA is excited to announce our new members: Juniors Nyamuol Koang, and Josh Waldron; Sophomore Jade Hiebner; and Freshmen Timberly Carr, Rachael Dente, Grace Janzen, Allison Kroeker, Odessa Ohrt, Harmon Perez, Halle Peters, Kalea Wetjen, and Rhianna Wilhelm.

The returning members are: Seniors Ethan Hall, Megan Kroeker, Mark Perez, and Ellie Steingard; Juniors Hayes Oswald, Kristan Perez, Bailey Peters, Jaden Regier and Alexa Siebert; Sophomores Kate Bergen, Audric Bulin, and Kristina Rowe. Our organization is sponsored by business teacher, Mrs. Kristy Most.

The Nebraska FBLA Fall Leadership Conference in Lincoln was on September 28.

2016-17 FBLA Officers



Back Row; L to R: Brittany Quiring, Colton Monnier, Aaron Buller & Isabelle Vanderneck. Front Row; L to R: Leslie Braun, Brooke Weisbeit & Sadie Carr.



Up Coming Tests at HCS

- ACT October 22
- **ASVAB** Date in October/November TBA. For juniors or seniors. Find out more at: <u>http://official-asvab.com</u>.
- **PSAT/NMSQT** Oct. 20 from 8:30 -11:30. For juniors and eligible sophomores. Cost is \$15. Find out more at <u>www.psat.org/start</u>.



Congratulations to **Ethan Hall**! Ethan was named as a "Commended" student by the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Receiving this award means Ethan is in the top 5% of students in the nation according to his score on the PSAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Congratulations Ethan!



EducationQuest is sponsoring a College Fair in Lincoln on Sunday, Oct 9 from 1-3 at Southeast Community College. Visit with many college representatives from Nebraska colleges and some out of state colleges. Go to <u>educationquest.org/fall-</u> <u>college-fairs/</u> for a complete list of College Fairs, helpful tips and to register for a barcode to use during the fair.

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Heartland Band Received First Place At Applejack Parade





The Heartland Huskies Band received First Place in class C and D at the annual Applejack Parade which was held Saturday September 17th at Nebraska City. Elmwood-Murdock was second and Palmyra High School was third.

In Class A and B, Blair was first, Syracuse second and Bennington third. There was also a junior high division. Blair received first place, Gretna second place and Syracuse third. The parade is held on historic Central Avenue from 16th to 6th Street. The adjudicators were stationed across from the courthouse on 11th and Central Ave.

The Festival is built around apples and features apple doughnuts, apple pancakes, and various kind of caramel apples. There was also a small carnival and many craft booths.

It was good to see so many Heartland people who made the long trip to Nebraska City.







L to R: Isabelle Vanderneck, Kyle Ott, Brittany Quiring, Ethan Hall & Noah Hiebner.

The Quiz Bowl Team has their first Competition

A few members of the Heartland quiz bowl team went to their first competition of the season! **Isabelle Vanderneck**, **Kyle Ott**, **Brittany Quiring**, **Ethan Hall**, and **Noah Hiebner** faced 5 different teams at the Literature Bowl in Seward, NE. With 8 rounds of play, the team won 5 taking home 4th place out of 12 teams. The quiz bowl will compete again on October 19th.

UPCOMING DATES

October 1, 2016 Harvest of Harmony March @ 10:20/Band#205

October 3, 2006 School Pictures

October 7, 2016

Parent-Teacher Conferences 8-Noon

October 7, 2016 NO SCHOOL

October 10, 2016

School Board Meeting @ 8:00pm

October 10-14, 2016

Homecoming Week

October 14, 2016

Courtyard Opening at 6:15 PM Homecoming Dance

> October 22, 2016 Act Test

October 24, 2016 NO SCHOOL

Teacher Professional Development

October 28,2016

One Act Community Performance @ 6:00pm

October 27-31, 2016

National FFA Convention





Husker Harvest Days



FFA volunteers time at the State Fair to help judge



FFA attends Livestock Friendly ceremony in York

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Husker Harvest Days

On September 14th the Heartland FFA chapter went to Husker Harvest days to learn about new farming equipment, new hybrids of seed, and the various careers in the agricultural pathway. This gives us the chance to look and learn about how they work and how they can be applied to their lives if they choose agriculture as a career.

While walking around looking at the new technology, we were to complete a scavenger hunt. This hunt required us to walk around and talk to the Vendors or Representatives and take "selfies" with new equipment, food, or natural resources. Not only did we have to take pictures, we had to talk to one of the representatives about the products offered at their booth.

When the scavenger hunt was finished, we were to show the UNL booth our pictures in order to receive a Free t-shirt. Then we had the rest of the day to eat, explore and buy souvenirs if we wanted.

FFA helps pick apples for Heritage Days









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Soil probing & testing with plant science



Addie Swartzendruber



Angelica Bassett



Austin Stuhr & Peyton Ott



Austin Stuhr





Heritage Days 2016

This year the fourth grade classes helped bring life to the one room school house at the annual Heritage Days at the Heritage Park. They presented a skit depicting what it would have really been like to attend a one room school house at the turn of the century. They started the day by raising the flag, having an old fashioned spelling bee, reciting their math facts on the recitation bench, and one student even had to wear the dunce cap.

Students who attended: Langdon Arbuck, Jaelyn Brown, Katrina Epp, Creighton Friesen, Bobby

Mason, Sam Quiring, Austin Schmidt, Brady Goertzen, Jace Friesen, Jacob Buller, Marisol Stamp, Sidda Kliewer, Thane Wetjen, and Weston Ohrt.



5th Grade Attends Kindness Retreat

The 5th graders attended the kindness retreat which is a day full of kindness put on by a non-profit organization called Youth Frontiers out of Minneapolis, MN. Their aim is to make kindness contagious in school.



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HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER 2016











Back to School Night Highlight:

"Summer Reading Challenge" winners turned Ms. Houck into a Principal Sundae! Approximately 25 students enjoyed pouring chocolate syrup, strawberry syrup, caramel sauce, butterscotch topping, whipped cream, and even M&Ms on Ms. Houck. These students not only participated in the Summer Reading Program, but completed the reading challenge for 5 out of the 6 weeks. These students were also eligible to attend the Summer Reading Trip; younger students went to the Lincoln Children's Zoo and older students went to Island Oasis.

Starting the school year with a bang: Our teachers did some great things! It was fun to see so many smiling faces back on school grounds. Some activities students participated in on the first day were: shooting off rockets, a scavenger hunt, small group challenges, story time by the teacher, they learned a little bit more about their teachers, classmates and themselves, and many other fun activities.

Preschool News:

Ch.I.L.D. Day Provided by Heartland Community School

The Heartland Community School is setting aside a special time for parents of children age 5 and below to participate in Ch.I.L.D. Day, which stands for <u>Childhood Information</u> on <u>Language and Development</u>. Just as parents take their young children to the doctor for medical check-ups, the school can provide to parents the services of a "developmental wellness visit". 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.

Ch.I.L.D. Day is a childfind effort conducted by the Heartland Community School District. School districts are required to conduct childfind activities to ensure that young children who need early intervention services are identified. Involvement in Ch.I.L.D. Day is a free, completely voluntary service and is conducted in a confidential manner.

Ch.I.L.D. Day is set for Friday, October 21 from 8:00am-4:00p.m. For babies and toddlers under age 3, we will be meeting in family homes so that the children will feel more comfortable in their natural environment. For children ages 3-5, we will be meeting in the Heartland Preschool room at the school.

Interested parents who live in the Heartland School District can call the school office in Henderson to register for a time slot when the early intervention specialists can meet with their child. Parents will be able to ask questions about their child's development, complete a developmental checklist, and have their child play and interact informally with adults knowledgeable about young children. 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.

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. Again, parents of young children in the Heartland school district are invited to call the school at 402-723-4434 to register for Ch.I.L.D. Day.

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 as well. 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 402-723-4421. If a decision has been made the night before, the closing will be announced around 10:00PM. In the mornings it will be announced on the half hour from 6:30AM to 8:00AM. If you prefer an app or text alert, please download the schoolmessenger info center app and follow the instructions. You can set your alert preferences to your liking. You must use the email associated with our records in the Powerschool system.



Heartland Community Schools

HOMECOMING 2016

October 10-14 2016

GO HUSKIES!







JUNIOR HIGH NEWS



Junior High Students Learning the Ropes

Junior high students have been busy so far learning the procedures and competing in homeroom challenges. This year's theme is superheroes, and the homerooms selected The Hulk, The Flash, The Incredibles and the Gray Arrow for their group names. Check out the school's Facebook and Twitter feeds for pictures and information about junior high events!

> PARENT/ PARENT/ TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 7, 2016 8:00AM- 12:00PM

All School Pictures Will Be Taken On October 3, 2016

Modern Images will be taking school pictures again this year. All students in grades Pre-K-12th grade will be photographed on Monday, October 3 from 9:30-1:00pm on the old stage. Packets for ordering photos have been sent home with each student. If you did not receive a packet you may pick one up at the school office.

<u>Annual Notice to Parents:</u> <u>Right to Request Teacher Qualifications</u>

Our district receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

Your have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district or school will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

- 1. If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction;
- 2. If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;
- 3. The type of college degree major the teacher has and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and
- 4. If your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.

If you would like to request this information, please contact your child's school.

Talking to your Children about Lunch

It is important to discuss school lunch with your student

•What do you plan on eating this week?



•The menu says tater-tot casserole on Monday; did you know that has potato tots, beef, cheese, and your choice of corn or green beans in it?

- •Will you be eating the hot item on Thursday? Your other choice is either a yogurt OR a cheese stick?
- •What items will you eat off the salad bar?

•Would you rather have me pack you a lunch for Friday? Many students are eating what most would consider a snack during lunchtime.

Please speak to your student(s) about lunch so that they are prepared to make better choices through the lunch line or so that a lunch can be prepared and brought to school.



OCTOBER 6, 2016

Heartland NHS is sponsoring a Community Blood Bank Blood Drive in the circle drive at Heartland Community School on Thursday, October 6th from 10:30 AM to 2 PM. Please support this lifesaving effort by making your appointment today by contacting a Heartland NHS member, Nora Ohrt at the school 402-723-4434 or nohrt@heartlandschools.net.

Recess Reminder: As Colder Weather Approaches

Active play is a vital part of a child's everyday needs. Please make sure that your children come to school prepared for colder weather. This may mean a heavy coat, and if necessary, a hat, mittens/gloves, and boots. We will be going outside whenever possible as it is important for children to get some fresh air and exercise during the day. Staying indoors for recess will be decided by the elementary principal. If the weather is not severe, children will be outside for recess if the temperature is above 20 degrees and the wind chill is above 10 degrees. Heartland Community Schools October Menu 2016

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FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL	14 MINI PANCAKES FISH STICKS MAC &CHEESE STEAMED PEAS	21 FROSTED LONG JOHNS CHICKEN ALFREDO STEAMED BROCCOLI HOMEMADE ROLL	28 PANCAKE WRAP CHICKEN STRIPS BAKED POTATO BAR STEAMED BROCCOLI CORNBREAD	
THURSDAY	6 CHOCOLATE CHIP MUFFIN MAX CHEESE STICKS MARINARA SAUCE STEAMED PEAS	13 BREAKFAST BURRITO CHICKEN NUGGETS MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY HOMEMADE ROLL	20 BREAKFAST PIZZA TACOS STEAMED CORN FROSTED LONG JOHNS	27 MINI PANCAKES BBQ MEATBALLS STEAMED PEAS BLUEBERRY MUFFINS	
WEDNESDAY	5 EGG &BISCUIT TERIYAKI CHICKEN BROWN RICE STEAMED BROCCOLI	12 PANCAKE WRAP ENCHILADAS GREEN BEANS BLUEBERRY MUFFINS	19 FRESH BAKED CINNAMON ROLLS CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY HOMEMADE ROLL	26 BREAKFAST BURRITO HOTDOGS BAKED BEANS STEAMED BROCCOLI	
TUESDAY	4 BREAKFAST BURRITO STEAK FINGERS MASHED POTATOES GRAVY HOMEMADE ROLL	11 CHOCOLATE CHIP FRENCH TOAST MINI CORN DOGS BAKED BEANS STEAMED BROCCOLI	18 WAFFLES HOMEMADE PIZZA STEAMED CORN SLUSHIES	25 EGG BISCUIT GOULASH STEAMED CORN HOMEMADE BREADSTICK	
MONDAY	3 WAFFLE HAMBURGERS FRENCH FRIES SLUSHIES	10 CHICKEN BISCUIT PORK TENDERLOIN MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY HOMEMADE ROLL	17 SAUSAGE BISCUIT CHICKEN PATTY ON BUN FRENCH FRIES STEAMED PEAS	24 No school	31 CHOCOLATE CHIP FRENCH TOAST HOMEMADE CHILI FRESH BAKED CINNAMON ROLLS
SUNDAY	2 All Grains are Whole Grain Rich. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Bar Offered Daily with Lunch. A Variety of Fruit and Juice are offered Daily with Breakfast. A Variety of Low Fat and Fat	Free Milk is Offered Daily with Breakfast and Lunch.	16	23	0°

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October 2016

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Thursday	29 10:30 AM NIS Blood Drive 500 FM VB Dual vs. Superior 5:00/6:00/7:700m @(H) Parents	Ngm 13 Homecoming Week	/s. Sutton n @ Sutton	20 National FFA Convention VB ENC Trunsmont TEA @ Milford		27 Football 1st Round Playoffs		3 Volleyball: Girls Varshy District Finals
Wednesday	28 8:00 AM FFA District Land Judging 6:00 PW VB JV 6:00pm @ David City	12 Homecoming Week		19 National FFA Convention		26 Geography Quiz Bowl @ Seward	8:00 AM FFA State Land Judging	0
Tuesday	27 G Golf Districts 5:00 EMV Volgeball: Girls JV	story eroup / tranne) 11 Homecoming Week	Giris State Golf 6:00 PM VB JV 6:00 Pm d City 7:00 PM Volleyball: Giris Varsity vs. vs.David City (Awat)	18 VB SNC Tournament TBA @ Milford		25 School Pictures Make-Up Date		VB Sub-Districts TBA
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Front row: Brooke Weisheit, Shelby Hurlbut, Bailey Ulmer **Back row:** Kristan Perez, Emily Nunnenkamp, Rachael Dente, Coach Gina Mestl

High School Volleyball Team



Front row: Megan Kroeker, Ellie Steingard, Leslie Braun, Sidney Hurlbut **Middle row:** Ana Gage, Karah Joyner, Olivia Casper, Kyra Dick, Taylor Quiring, Sadie Carr, Delaney Siebert, Kristina Rowe, Maddie McKinzie **Back Row:** Head Coach Sarah Ostmeyer, Katelyn Gage, Halle Peters, Kalea Wetjen, Rhianna Wilhelm, Grace Janzen, Timberly Carr, Allison Kroeker, Assistant Coach Kristin Vandenberg



HUSKIES SPORTS

High School Football Team



Front row: Ben Driewer, Austin Stuhr, Ethan Hall **Second Row:** Weston Ohrt -Student Mgr, Hayes Oswald, Connor Peters, Lane Huebert, Aaron Buller, Connor Boehr, Kyle Ott -Student Mgr **Third row**: Merrick Maltsberger -Student Mgr, Bryce Allen, Colton Monnier, Jesse Mason, Luke Schaldecker, Ben Mestl, Peyton Ott, Reid Huebert, Zack Quiring -Student Mgr **Fourth Row:** Morgan Maltsberger, Jackson Stebbing, Cade Oswald, Josh Quiring, Jared Nunnenkamp **Back row:** Head Coach: Matt Maltsberger, Asst Coaches:Greg Veerbusen, Ben Lindsay, Clark Ribble

2016-2017 Coaches



L to R: Sara Ostmeyer, Nora Ohrt, Ben Lindsay, Erik Wetjen, Corbin Tessman, Kristin Vandenberg, Marc Regier, Larry Vancura, Mike Bergen, Carrie Regier, Clark Ribble, Greg Veerhusen, Kyle Ediger, Gina Mestl, Matt Maltsberger, Erik Gray

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver school announcements via phone calls and email messages. With this new system, we can also send text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, **67587.**



You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

If you know how to use QR codes, you can scan the image to the right and touch "send".

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November Reminders

November 4 & 5, 2016 FFA Pathways to Careers Conference in Grand Island

November 7, 2016 Fall Vocal Concert (5-12th) @ 7:30pm

November 14,2016 School Board Meeting @ 7:00PM

> November 25 & 27, 2015 Fall Break -No School

November 29, 2016 Fall Band Concert @ 7:30