



# Heartland Community School

## Henderson/Bradshaw

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

Students have many opportunities today that students of just a few years ago did not. There are many options available for college level courses. Unfortunately there are only a small number of students who take advantage of these opportunities. I would encourage you, as parents, to sit down with your children and talk about the many opportunities that are available. Tuition rates are lower if they take college courses while they are still in high school. In fact, if they take the Career Academy Courses, there are no tuition costs. The only cost would be transportation to York three times a week. There are many other opportunities through UNL, UNK, Southeast Community College, Wayne State, Nebraska Wesleyan, and Peru State to name a few. The other major change is that the Southeast Community College courses are all transferable to four year colleges.

We also offer three dual credit courses at Heartland. Psychology, Sociology, and America Government are offered as dual credit courses. We do have a number of students receiving high school credit and credit through Southeast Community College for these courses. We are exploring other possibilities for classes in the future.

I realize some students want to take it easy their senior year, but they are going on to college where other students are coming in with the equivalent of a full semester or even two full semesters of credit. There are a wide range of opportunities available in almost all subject areas. Students will begin registering for next year's classes in February so now is the time to begin talking about what opportunities are available. One of the goals of the Heartland Board of Education for this next year is to encourage more students to take college credit courses.

If a student qualifies for free and reduced lunches, they could possibly qualify for tuition free scholarship funds through the ACE (Access College Early) Funds.

**What role will you as parents play in helping students make these decisions?** If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to call Mr. Carr, secondary principal, or Mrs. Koehler, guidance counselor.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent

#### SCHOOL BOARD ELECT NEW OFFICERS

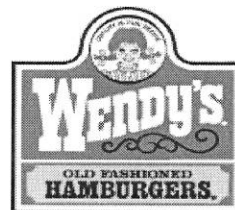
The Heartland Community Schools Board of Education elected new officers at their January meeting. Paul Brune was elected president; Mark Dick, Vice President; Kerri Kliewer, Treasurer; and Deb Wilhelm was re-elected secretary.

#### SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Are you interested in serving on the school board? Persons interested in signing up to run for the school board must register, at the County Clerk's office in the York County courthouse by March 1. The terms of incumbents Galen Friesen, Kerri Kliewer, and Mark Dick are up for re-election. Incumbents have until February 15 to register.

#### SCHOOL REACH PARENT NOTIFICATION CALLING SYSTEM EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS

We apologize for the problems we have been having with our parent notification system, "School Reach". We have had problems calling homes with the 723 prefix. I can assure you, we are working with the School Reach office, Mainstay Communications and the carriers in between the two to remedy the problem. We apologize for the number of test calls that have been made, but there may be a few more until the problem is fixed. We normally call the primary number you have given us for school closings. If we dismiss in the middle of the day, we also call parent's cell phones. Since we have been having trouble with the 723 numbers we have also called the parent cell phone numbers in the evenings as well. If you do not have a 723 prefix or have not been receiving the cell phone calls, please let the school office know so your numbers can be updated.



#### COMMUNITY NIGHT AT WENDY'S RESTURANT IN YORK

**2ND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH 5-8 PM**  
**10% OF ALL SALES DONATED TO OUR SCHOOL**

## HEARTLAND FFA MEMBERS ATTEND DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SKILLS EVENTS

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, Heartland FFA Members traveled to Seward to participate in the District VII Leadership Skills Events. The event was held at Seward High School and coordinated by the District VII Agricultural Education Instructors.

Receiving a first place purple ribbon and qualifying for the State FFA Convention was the Sophomore Parliamentary Procedure Team of Miranda Janzen, Abigail Bechtel, Brielle van den Berg, Andrew Spader, Brenan Erb, Cody Brown and Rick Siebert. Team alternate was Michael Brune. Also performing well was Seth Schaldeck, who received a second place purple ribbon and qualified for the State FFA Convention in Extemporaneous Speaking.



Pictured: Sophomore Parliamentary Procedure Team  
Front Row (left to right) Michael Brune, Brielle van den Berg, Miranda Janzen, Brenan Erb. Back Row (left to right) Abigail Bechtel, Cody Brown, Andrew Spader, Rick Siebert.

## TEACH YOUR CHILD TO RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY, BELONGINGS

A classmate brought a really neat toy car to school. Your child really wanted a car like that. So he "borrowed" it.

Helping children learn to respect another person's property is an important skill for getting along with others. Talk with your child about a time when someone did not respect his property. Did they take something without asking? Did they borrow it and not return it? Did they break something while they were using it?

Talk with your child about how he felt when that happened. Then talk with your child about how he can show respect for another person's property.

Here are some ideas:

- Always ask permission before using something that

belongs to someone else.

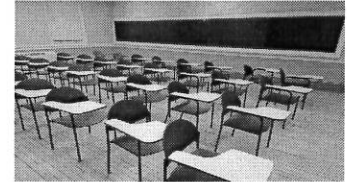
- Be careful when using something that belongs to another person.
- Return things when you said you would.

Talk about how these same rules apply to things at school. Your child should take care of his math book so he can return it in good condition.

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## Parent Quiz

### ARE YOU HELPING YOUR CHILD ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY?



Kids can't learn if they aren't in school. Yet every day, children are tardy or absent from school for reasons that could be avoided. That means they're missing out on important learning.

Are you doing everything you can to be sure your child is in school every day? Answer yes or no to each question below to find out.

\_\_\_ 1. Does your child know you expect her to go to school every day?

\_\_\_ 2. Do you get ready for the next day at night so you get out the door on time in the morning?

\_\_\_ 3. Do you know the school's attendance policy? Do you call the school to report if your child is too sick to come to school?

\_\_\_ 4. Do you avoid scheduling appointments during school time?

\_\_\_ 5. Do you practice hand washing? One study shows it can reduce absences by as much as 50 percent.

### How well are you doing?

Each yes means you are helping your child get to school regularly. For no answers, try those ideas in the quiz.

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## REMINDER:

**March 9th 11:30-3:30**  
**Red Cross Bloodmobile**  
**Heartland Community Schools Old Gym**

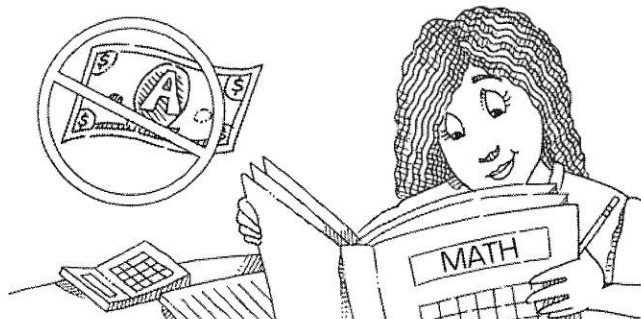


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### Experts say paying for grades is not an effective motivator

You're worried about your child's math grades. Then she makes a suggestion. "I would do better if you paid me for every A on a math test," she says.

Should you get out your wallet? No, say most experts on motivation. Here's why paying children for good grades is not an effective motivator:

- It puts the emphasis in the wrong place. If you promise your child \$1 for a good grade, she'll be working for the money. She may find that she wants the dollar so badly that she's willing to cheat to get it.
- It doesn't help your child learn the satisfaction of doing a job well. Children need to learn the joy that comes just from doing something to the best of their ability. There's a lot of pleasure that comes from walking into a newly-cleaned room. There's great pride in handing in a paper that was the best your child could do. Those are the rewards your child ought to be working for.
- It puts all the focus on the outcome. Children need to learn the importance of sticking with a challenging subject. They need to learn that practice really does make perfect. Putting all your attention on a reward at the end of the process will make it harder for your child to learn those lessons.

So what should you do? Let your child know that school is important. Set aside time and space for her to do homework. Celebrate her successes with time spent together. And keep your money in your pocket!

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This month the Art Club held a cake raffle at the Centennial game on Friday, Jan. 22. You could buy one ticket for a dollar and six tickets for five dollars. They made \$173.76 thanks to the support of the community. Katie Wilhelm, Anna King and

Portia Lyons entered the Youth Artist of the month contest in January. This contest is sponsored by the State. Good Luck to these three artists! Currently Katie Wilhelm's entry from last year is displayed on the Nebraska Department of Education webpage. You can view this at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us>. If you would like to see more, the hallways of Heartland Community Schools are filled with colorful art projects from Kindergarten through 12th grade.

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#### Regular Board Meeting

Monday, December 14, 2009

Henderson Attendance Center – Conference Room  
7:00 PM

#### MINUTES

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

#### I. Call to Order

President Braun called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 Kliewer, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### IV. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

#### V. Minutes of Meeting

#### VI. Treasurer's Report

The General Fund Treasurer's report was reviewed and

filed pending audit.

#### VII. Claims

#### VIII. 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 2:** Motion by Kliewer, second by Braun, to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the November 9, 2009 regular meeting and the general fund with exception of claims #17235 and #17292, and Qualified Capital Purposes Undertaking Fund claims: Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 3:** Motion by Brune, second by Kliewer, to approve claims #17235 and #17292. Motion Carried: 4-for; 2-abstain (Dick & Wilhelm).

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#### IX. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on the second and third graders trip to the Stuhr Museum, reading goals, the Art Club workshop for 49 elementary students, that Erin Sams and Janae Parsons have completed student teaching, special education workshops on helping students on the autism spectrum, room mothers helping with classroom parties, NHS food drive, student council plans for the day before Christmas vacation, 24 FFA students planning to participate in the District FFA leadership skills, 8 students participated in the Chamber focus groups, and other upcoming events including Aaron Davis speaking to the student body in January.

X. Sharing with Neighboring Districts Supt. Yoder reported on sharing the costs to have Aaron Davis speak to students in York and at Heartland with Sutton joining in.

#### XI. Convention Reports

Each of the board members shared one or two highlights of the NASB/NASA Convention they attended in Omaha.

#### XII. Review Multi-Cultural Curriculum

The principals shared the ways teachers are integrating Multi-Cultural activities into their curriculum.

#### XIII. Sale of 1996 Chevrolet Van

**Action 4:** Motion by Dick, second by Friesen, to approve the sale of the 1996 Chevrolet Van to Rick Vaught for \$525.00 as his was the only bid received. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XIV. Five Year Plan for Facility/Major Maintenance Goals

The revised plan for 2010-2011 was reviewed with action

to be taken in January.

#### XV. Additional Cameras

**Action 5:** Motion by Friesen, second by Brune, to approve the purchase of additional cameras from Electronic Security Solutions. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XVI. Outdoor Lighting

The board reviewed different lighting concepts for lighting in front of the building.

#### XVII. State Standards

**Action 6:** Motion by Friesen, second by Dick, that the Heartland Board of Education approves the adoption of Curriculum Standards in each subject area as they are Adopted and/or revised by the Nebraska State Board of Education. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XVIII. Negotiations Team for 2010-2011

The following board members were appointed to the Board Negotiation Team for 2010-2011: Gary Braun, Paul Brune and Galen Friesen.

#### XIX. Board Retreat Agenda

The board discussed possible agenda items for the board retreat.

#### XX. Personnel

**Action 7:** Motion by Brune, second by Dick, to go into executive session at 8:53 p.m. to review the superintendents evaluation and to discuss administrative contracts. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 8:** Motion by Kliewer, second by Dick, to exit executive session at 9:35 p.m. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 9:** Motion by Brune, second by Wilhelm, to offer a contract to Cindy Huebert, elementary principal, for the 2010-2011 school year with salary to be set at a later date. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 10:** Motion by Braun, second by Kliewer, to offer a contract to Tim Carr, secondary principal for the 2010-2011 school year with salary to be set at a later date. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 11:** Motion by Kliewer, second by Friesen, to offer a contract to Norm Yoder, superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year with salary to be set at a later date. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

**Action 12:** Motion by Friesen, second by Brune, to approve Janae Parsons to direct the all school play. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

#### XXI. Adjournment

President Braun adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.



## Sat

1 Mon: Pork Patties Tues: Sausage/Egg Bisquit Wed: Chicken Noodle Soup Thurs: NO LUNCH Fri: Pizza	8 Mon: Enchilada's Tues: French Toast Sticks Wed: Sloppy Joes Thurs: Chili Fri: Salisbury Steak	15 Mon: Chicken Nuggets Tues: Hamburgers Wed: Pizza Thurs: Pig in a Blanket Fri: Chicken Fajitas	22 Mon: Pork Sandwich Tues: Turkey Dinner Wed: Max Cheese Stix Thurs: BBQ Pork Sandwich Fri: Grilled Cheese	1 BBB SNC Tourney @ Centennial 7:00 pm GBB SNC Tourney @ Thayer Central 7:00pm	2 G&B BB SNC Tourney - TBA	3 FBLA-SECC Business Competition @ Beatrice State Degree Interview @ Milford 2:00 pm	4 <b>In-Service Dismiss @ 11:40 am</b> G&B SNC Finals @ Milford	5 SNC Wrestling Invite @ Thayer Central	6 G&B BB SNC Finals @ Milford  ACT Test Date
				23 JH BBB @ Sutton 3:30/5:00 pm <div>BBB Sub Districts @ Central City</div>	16 FBLA UNK Business Competition <div>GBB Sub-Districts @ Central City</div>	17 <b>Teacher In-Service 2 hour late start</b>	18 GBB Sub-Districts @ Central City JH BBB @ Harvard 4:00/5:15 pm	19 BBB Doniphan Trumbull @ Doniphan 6:15/8:00 pm FFA Breakfast 7:30 am	20 <div>Wrestling Districts @ Sutton</div>
							25 BBB Sub Districts @ Central City	26 GBB District Finals TBA	27 <div>State Wrestling Tournament @ Omaha</div>
				<div>National FFA Week</div>					

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### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

February 4th - Teacher In-Service 11:40 Dismissal (NO LUNCH)

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

February 13th - Winter Song/Winter Ball 7:30 PM

February 17th - In-Service 2 hour late start

February 22-26 - National FFA Week

March 22nd & 25th - Parent Teacher Conferences

April 6th - Kindergarten Roundup