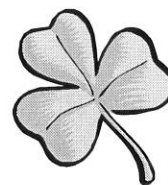


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Dear Parents, Patrons, and Friends of Heartland Community Schools,

We have many talented students at Heartland who work hard to achieve their accomplishments. However, sometimes students work hard and don't achieve the results that they want or desire. I am sure the just completed basketball season didn't have the desired number of wins that any of the student athletes or coaches would have liked. How do we as adults react to these situations? Do we try to blame someone else, the coaches, the players, the fans? We cannot fault the work ethic of the student athletes or coaches. They have never given up or thought that they couldn't achieve. The same can go for academic accomplishments. Do we tend to give up on what our students can accomplish because they don't receive the desired grade or accolades in class or on the basketball court? I would like to share the following article from the Master Teacher Cut & Paste, March 2011, newsletter on perseverance. I believe we as adults need the same type of perseverance to help and support each of our students, no matter what age they are.

Perseverance: A Must-Have for Children

Many children have set out to accomplish something--sports, music, good grades--only to realize that the path is uphill and the prize is not free. Certainly, you've experienced seeing excited eyes and faces as your children share dreams of accomplishing some new endeavor; then, you later see the frustration and hear those distressed words, "I can't." This is the time when being a parent counts.

Children need to feel successful. The actual accomplishment of a task is not as important as the work they do to accomplish it. You may need to help your child adjust a goal, or you may need to give an explanation about why he or she can't fly to the moon tomorrow on a rocket, but it's important for you to find a way to help your child experience the satisfaction of persevering to the end.

As the close of the school year approaches, consider working on the following three "Be's" that will help your children develop perseverance.

Be interested. There's a reason kids say, "Daddy, watch this!" Children never really outgrow the need to know that you care about what they do. Show that you want them to be successful.

Be a teacher. Parents are teachers. Kids have classrooms at

don't need chalkboards, fancy technology, or advanced degrees in math or reading to teach your children. Simply watch for, and take advantage of, teaching moments--a chance to encourage, lift, explain, or share one of your life's experiences.

Believe. Your children can do anything. Do you believe it? Children can tell. Give them the gift of truly believing in them, and then brace yourself for them to do things that may astound you.

What kind of effort do each of us make to support our students? I challenge each one of us to reach out and give the type of support mentioned in the article.

Just a reminder, that school attendance is also very important for the success of each and every student. Make every effort to have your students in school every day on time.

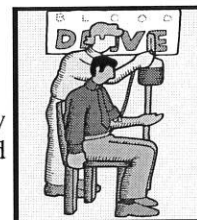
Sincerely,
Dr. Norm Yoder, Superintendent



SMORGASBORD

The annual Band German Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, March 19, 2011. Serving will be from 5:00PM to 7:30PM and a band concert will be held at 7:45PM. Adult tickets are \$10.00, children ages 4-12 are \$5.00. Any child under the age of 4 is free. Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased from any band member or by stopping by the Heartland school office.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



The Heartland National Honor Society will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive.

Where: Heartland High School Old Gym

When: Tuesday, March 8, 2011
12:00 PM until 4:30 PM

Remember to drink plenty of fluids and bring a photo ID! Students who are 16 years old may donate blood with parental consent.

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HEARTLAND KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24th

Heartland Community Schools will hold Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, March 24th, in the kindergarten room.

The purpose of Roundup is to provide an opportunity for next year's kindergarten students to meet their teacher, Mrs. Thiesen, and to meet other prospective kindergarteners, while their parents register their children for attendance at Heartland Community Schools. Children who will be five years of age by October 15 of 2011 are eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2011 and should consider attending Roundup.

Two sessions will be held. The morning session will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the afternoon session will begin at 1:00 P.M. Parents will meet in the conference room with Cindy Huebert, elementary principal. Parents and guardians will have this time to register their children for attendance in kindergarten next year.

Parents should bring their child's immunization records with them as well as an original copy of their child's birth certificate. Birth certificates are available from: Vital Records, P.O. Box 95065, Lincoln, NE 68509-5065 for \$12.00, 402-471-2871. You can download a form or fill out an online request by going to www.hhs.state.ne.us/vitalrecords/index.htm.

All eligible children residing in the Heartland district whose names are on the current census list will receive an invitation to Roundup by March 8th. If you are planning on optioning your child into the district, all option papers must be turned in by March 15th, 2011, for the 2011-2012 school year. If you know of a child who will be five by October 15 and for any reason may not have his or her name on the school census list, please call the school office so that an invitation can be prepared for them. The office number at Heartland Community Schools is 723-4434.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT NEEDS TO SHIFT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

When your middle schooler was younger, you may have volunteered in her class, hovered as she did her homework each night and forged close ties with her school. But now that she's growing and changing, your approach to parent involvement may need to change, too.

Research shows that middle schoolers still benefit from their parents being involved in their schooling. But, to have the biggest impact, the ways in which parents are involved may need to shift.

In fact, the things parents do at home are twice as effective at supporting their middle schooler's schooling as, say, chaperoning a class trip. Research suggests that parents should:

- **Communicate expectations.** Simply telling your middle schooler that you expect her to work hard and succeed can mean a lot.
- **Expand on what's being taught.** Encouraging your child to take what she's learning in school (such as math) and apply it to her everyday life (such as sticking to a budget at the mall) can help her see why education matters.
- **Talk about the future.** Does your child want to be a veterinarian? Whatever she dreams of doing, a solid education is her ticket to achieving that goal.

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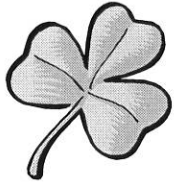
Heartland Community Schools Presents



On a stormy night in the Caribbean, a young girl cries out in fear. To comfort her, a group of peasants gather round to share with her a story of another small girl, Ti Moune, who also was caught in a storm many years before. The storytellers weave a tale of how Ti Moune dared to defy the powerful island deities to follow her dream and find love.

This calypso-flavored musical will be presented by Heartland Community Schools on March 25th & 26th at 7:00 pm. Students, musicians, choreographers, and directors have been hard at work to produce an entertaining evening. Hope to see you there!

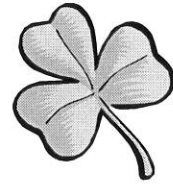
Tickets go on sale March 7th in the office.
Adults: \$8.00 Students: \$6.00



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OPTION ENROLLMENT

A student may enroll in on-resident school districts when approved through the option enrollment program. Individuals may only option once unless they change residences. Heartland Community Schools is open to accepting more option enrollment students.

If you know of someone who would be interested in option enrolling their children into Heartland, please have them call the superintendent's office at (402) 723-4434. High school students must have an option enrollment application filed and approved before March 15, 2011, in order to be immediately eligible for extracurricular activities in the fall.

HEARTLAND FBLA MEMBERS WIN AWARDS

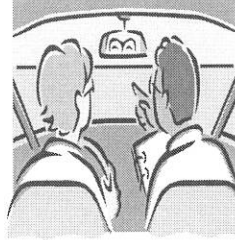
Nine members of the Heartland FBLA chapter won awards during the Phi Beta Lambda UNK Business Competition on February 15. Cody Brown: 1st Business Math, 2nd Accounting I, and 2nd Computer Literacy; Ashley Quiring: 1st Keyboarding II Production and 5th Accounting I; Allison Braun: 1st Keyboarding I Production and 6th General Business; Bailey Carr: 1st Keyboarding I Speed and 2nd Keyboarding I Production; Tori Bittinger: 2nd Spelling and 5th Computer Literacy; Lincoln Ruybalid: 5th Keyboarding II Production and 6th Business English; Kimberly Goossen: 6th Accounting II; Tyler Kliewer: 4th Marketing; and Jonathan Larson: 4th General Business.



FBLA winners pictured as listed below:
Front Row: Kimberly Goossen, Tori Bittinger, Tyler Kliewer, Cody Brown and Jonathan Larson.

Back Row: Bailey Carr, Lincoln Ruybalid, Ashley Quiring and Allison Braun.

2011 DRIVER'S EDUCATION



Driver Education instruction will again be offered to Heartland students through the Nebraska Safety Council. The instruction will take place at Heartland Community Schools in Henderson. The fee for the instruction will be \$280.00 per student for the summer of 2011. You can go online and download a registration form at www.nesafetycouncil.org. Please send completed form and registration fee to PO Box 30578, Lincoln, NE 68503-0578. Checks should be made out to the Nebraska Safety Council. Students can also pick up a registration form from the school office. The fee must be paid the first day of class.

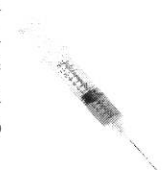
- **Advanced registration and payment are required.**
- **Students must possess a school learner's permit, a school permit or a learner's permit to enroll.**

Only one session will be offered this summer and will run July 5-July 12. The behind-the-wheel instruction will be arranged during the classroom sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

NEW IMMUNIZATION STANDARDS FOR 2011-2012

Effective as of July 1, 2011, the State of Nebraska School Immunization Rules and Regulations are changing. Requirements state that all students, Kindergarten through 12th grade, regardless of their current age and grade level, must have two doses of the Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. This is a new regulation for the 2011-2012 school year. Please remember also that in addition to this immunization, students going into 7th grade need one dose of Tdap which must contain a pertussis booster and students ages two through five years of age in a preschool program must have pneumococcal vaccines given accordingly. Both the Tdap for 7th grades and the Pneumococcal Immunization were mandated as of the last school year. Please review your child's immunization record and start getting these immunizations updated if need be before this time. Please send an updated record to the school office when completed. These records must be on file at the school prior to school entry in August 2011.

The school has sent out notifications to parents of students that records need to be updated. If you have received notification from the school and your child/children have had the chickenpox disease or a second varicella vaccine, please provide this information to the school as soon as possible.



HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Henderson/Bradshaw
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2011
Conference Room
7:00 PM
MINUTES

Members Present: Gary Braun, Debra Wilhelm, Paul Brune, Glenn Larson, Boyd Stuhr, Jr. and Kent Allen. Others Present: Supt. Norm Yoder, Principals Tim Carr, and Cindy Huebert. Patron John Ruybalid

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. Oath of Office

Glenn Larson, Boyd Stuhr, Jr., and Kent Allen signed the oath of office.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Action 1: Motion by Braun, second by Wilhelm, to approve the agenda as revised. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

V. Audience with Individuals and/or Committees

VI. Election of Officers

President: Paul Brune
Vice President: Gary Braun
Secretary: Deb Wilhelm
Treasurer: Boyd Stuhr, Jr.

VII. Consent Agenda

Action 2: Motion by Stuhr, second by Larson, to approve consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2010, and the special meeting of January 7, 2011, the general fund claims, and financial reports. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

VIII. Administrative Reports

The board heard administrative reports on NAEP testing for students in grades 4-8, the National Geography Bee to be held for students in grades 5-8, the York County Spelling Bee on February 2, 2011, the Nebraska State Assessment in Writing that will take place for students in grades 4 & 8 on January 26 & February 11, NHS delivered food baskets to 31 families, student activities on December 22, Chamber singers and Brass choir members performed on NTV on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, SPED teachers attended a transition workshop, and eight Heartland students were recognized by NSAA for the NSAA academic awards.

IX. Front Entrance Projects

The board reviewed cost projections on remodeling the front entrance.

Action 3: Motion by Larson, second by Braun, to approve replacing the sheeting, lights, and updating the fascia with metal sheeting. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

X. Carpeting Replacement in the Theater

The administration was asked to secure bids for replacing the carpet in the theater.

XI. Discussion with Neighboring Districts

Supt. Yoder reported on brief discussions he had concerning staff openings for 2011-12.

XII. 5 Year Facilities/Major Maintenance, Vehicle Goals

Action 4: Motion by Wilhelm, second by Larson, to give tentative approval to the Five Year Facilities/Major Maintenance Projects, Vehicle goals. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XIII. Legislative Update

Supt. Yoder reviewed some of recent legislative activity.

XIV. Board Tentative Annual Calendar of Meeting Topics

The board reviewed the annual calendar of meeting topics.

XV. School Bus Purchase

Action 5: Motion by Braun, second by Stuhr, to approve the purchase of a used 2005 Thomas Freightliner school bus with 19,000 miles from American Bus Company for \$54,900. This is approximately a savings of \$20,000 to \$30,000 over purchasing a new one. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XVI. Negotiations Team for 2011-2012

The following board members were appointed the 2011-2012 negotiations team:
Paul Brune, Gary Braun and Glenn Larson.

XVII. Plans for Workshops

Board members made plans for attending the Legislative Review Conference on January 24, in Lincoln, and the Labor Relations Conference on February 8, in Kearney.

XVIII Board Retreat

The board set Saturday, March 26, 2011 as the day for the board retreat at the York Country Club.

XIX. Personnel

Action 6: Motion by Brune, second by Braun, to accept the resignation of Dan Gilson, Industrial Technology instructor, and express appreciation for his 9 years of service to the district. Motion Carried: 6-for; 0-against.

XX. Adjournment

President Braun adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



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School Year Calendar

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AUGUST
 15 Teacher Inservice/Workday
 16 Teacher Inservice/Workday
 17 First Day Of School Dismiss 11:40AM

SEPTEMBER
 5 Labor Day (No School)
 20 Inservice (Two Hour Late Start)

OCTOBER
 4 Inservice (Dismiss at 11:40AM)
 14 End Of 1st Nine Weeks (42 Days)
 K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30pm
 K-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30pm
 28 No School in Lieu of Parent/Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER
 8 Inservice (Two hour late start)
 23 1:30PM Dismissal (Thanksgiving VA)
 24 Thanksgiving Vacation (No School)
 25 Thanksgiving Vacation (No School)

DECEMBER
 21 1:30PM Dismissal (Christmas Vacation)
 End Of 2nd Quarter (45 Days)
 End Of 1st Semester (87 Days)
 22 Christmas Vacation (December 22-January 3)
 23-27 NSAA moratorium (no gyms open)

JANUARY
 3 Teacher Workday (No School)
 4 Begin Second Semester
 18 Inservice (Two Hour Late Start)

FEBRUARY
 2 Inservice (Dismiss at 11:40AM)
 22 Inservice (Two Hour Late Start)

MARCH
 2 Spring Vacation (No School)
 8 End Of 3rd Nine Weeks (46 Days)
 9 Spring Vacation (No School)
 20 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30pm
 22 K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30pm
 23 No School in Lieu of Parent/Teacher Conferences

APRIL
 6 Good Friday (No School)
 9 Easter Vacation (No School)
 18 Inservice (Two Hour Early Dismissal)

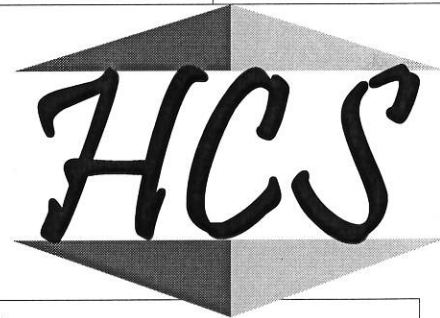
MAY
 13 2:30PM Commencement
 18 Dismiss at 11:30 am
 End of School Year (180 Days)
 End of 2nd Semester (93 Days)
 End of 4th Quarter (47 Days)
 21 Teacher Workday (Total Contract Days-185)

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- △ 2 Hour Late Start
- ▽ 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- In-service Day—No School
- ☆ Parent/Teacher Conferences – (Fall to be determined)
- / Vacation Day (No School)
- ◁ No School In Lieu Of Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ◇ Teacher Workday (No School)
- 11:40AM Dismissal—No Lunch Served
- Beginning/End of Semester / End of 9 Weeks

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 Website: www.heartlandschools.org
 School Closing Information: 723-4421

Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations 2011-2012

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	<p>4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine,</p> <p>3 doses of Polio vaccine,</p> <p>3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age,</p> <p>3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine,</p> <p>1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age,</p> <p>1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted.</p> <p>4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age</p>
Students from Kindergarten through 12 th Grade, including all transfer students from outside the State of Nebraska and any foreign students	<p>3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday,</p> <p>3 doses of Polio vaccine,</p> <p>3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age.</p> <p>2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month,</p> <p>2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.</p>
Additionally, for 7 th Grade Only	<p>1 dose of Tdap (must contain Pertussis booster) – this dose can be received any time after 10 or 11 years of age depending on which brand of vaccine is received.</p>

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 2010. For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t173.htm> (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2009)

March 2011

Lunch Menu	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Mon: Max Cheese Stix</i> <i>Tues: Hamburgers</i> <i>Wed: Corn Dogs</i> <i>Thurs: Country Fried Steak</i> <i>Fri: NO SCHOOL</i>		1 Dist. Ag Ed Career Development @ Beatrice 7-12 Winter Concert 7:30 PM	2	3	4 NO SCHOOL	5
				Girls State BB Tournament		
<i>Mon: Chili</i> <i>Tues: Fajitas</i> <i>Wed: Hot Ham & Cheese</i> <i>Thurs: Nacho Supreme</i> <i>Fri: NO SCHOOL</i>	7 7-8 Student led Conferences 3:30-8:00 pm	8 Red Cross Bloodmobile	9	10 End of 9 weeks CO-OP Annual Supper 6:00 pm	11 NO SCHOOL	12
				Boys State BB Tournament		
<i>Mon: Pizza</i> <i>Tues: Chicken Nuggets</i> <i>Wed: Baked Potato Bar</i> <i>Thurs: Mr. Rib Sandwich</i> <i>Fri: Cold Sandwiches</i>	14 NHS Mtg 7:00 pm Board of Ed Mtg 7:00 pm	15 FFA Pancake Feed 5:00-7:00 pm Labor Auction 7:00 pm	16	17 Mainstay Comm. Annual Mtg 7:00 pm	18 County Government Day Doane College Track Meet @ Crete 12:00 pm	19 Smorgasbord 5:00pm- 7:30 pm Concert 7:45 pm
<i>Mon: Ham & Noodles</i> <i>Tues: BBQ Pork Sandwich</i> <i>Wed: Chicken Patty Sand</i> <i>Thurs: Enchiladas</i> <i>Fri: NO SCHOOL</i>	21 K-6 & 9-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm	22 Wilber-Clatonia/Sutton/ Centennial Track Quad @ Sutton 4:15 pm	23	24 Kindergarten Roundup K-6 & 9-12 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:30 pm	25 NO SCHOOL All School Musical 7:00 pm	26 Board Retreat 8:30am - 2:30 pm All School Musical 7:00 pm
				School Board at NRCSA		
<i>Mon: Chicken Strips</i> <i>Tues: Tater Tot Casserole</i> <i>Wed: Mac Cheese Stix</i> <i>Thurs: Popcorn Chicken</i>	28	29 Wilber-Clatonia Track Invite @ Wilber 3:00 pm Sutton Boys Golf Quad @ Sutton 4:00 pm	30	31 Boys Golf Superior Invite @ Superior 9:00 am		

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2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE!

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- March 1st- 9-12 Winter Concert Vocal and Instrumental 7:30PM
- March 4th - NO SCHOOL Spring Vacation
- March 7th - 7-8 Student led Conferences
- March 8th—Red Cross Bloodmobile
- March 11th - NO SCHOOL Spring Vacation
- March 14th - Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM
- March 19th - Smorgasbord 5:00-7:30, Concert 7:45 PM
- March 21st & 24th - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30 PM-8:30 PM
- March 24th - Kindergarten Round-Up
- March 25th - NO SCHOOL in lieu of Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 25th & 26th - All School Musical 7:30 PM