

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Superintendent's Corner: Spreading Warmth and Joy!

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As we head into the holiday break, we encourage you to take time to relax, recharge, and create joyful memories with loved ones. Whether you're enjoying festive traditions, exploring new experiences, or simply spending quality time together, we hope this season brings you peace and happiness. This is the time I used to pause, reflect, and celebrate the blessing in my life. Some years may not go our way, but there is always something there that I am thankful for in the past year. The New Year gives us the opportunity to reset and start fresh. I wish you and your families a holiday season filled with joy, peace, and togetherness. May the coming year bring renewed energy, exciting opportunities, and continued success for all.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to share that we are exploring a potential building project that could enhance our facilities and create more opportunities for our students and community. While still in the early planning stages, this initiative reflects our commitment to providing the best possible learning environment for our students. We will keep you informed as plans develop and look forward to hearing your input in the coming months. Together, we build a brighter future for our students, a stronger bond within our community, and a legacy of excellence that will endure for generations.

May your holidays be filled with peace, love, and joy. May the new year bring growth, learning, and countless opportunities to make beautiful memories together. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. Together, we make Sterling Public Schools an extraordinary place to learn, grow, and thrive.

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Wonderful New Year!!

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Mr. Allen

From the Principal's Desk by Mr. Davenport

As we prepare for the second semester, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our community for its ongoing support throughout this school year. I would also like to express my deep appreciation to our dedicated staff and hardworking students. Being part of this school and community is truly a blessing, and I look forward to continuing our successful school year together.

Looking ahead, there are a few important topics I'd like to address. As students prepare to leave for and return from the holiday break, it's essential to acknowledge that Christmas break experiences can vary widely. Not all families exchange gifts or celebrate the holiday season in the same way. Whether these differences stem from tradition, culture, or circumstances, it's important to approach the season with understanding and to focus on enjoying time with loved ones and taking advantage of the much-deserved time away from school.

Please help us remind students to be mindful when returning to school. Our focus at school should remain on learning, not material possessions. While well-meaning, bringing gifts to school can unintentionally create

distractions in the classroom. Any gifts or toys brought to school should be limited to designated show-and-tell times.

Additionally, reading is a great activity to prioritize over the holiday break. Reading has been a school improvement goal since I joined the Jet family 10 years ago, and your continued support is invaluable in helping us achieve these goals. If you're a parent or guardian of a younger child, reading with them can significantly boost their progress. Reading builds vocabulary, enhances focus, and nurtures a lifelong love of learning. This encouragement also applies to older students, who can experience similar benefits. Please remind students to visit our school library before the break. Kindergarten and 1st grade students may check out one book at a time, 2nd through 5th grade students may check out two, and middle and high school students may borrow up to five books.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. For those without current ties to our district, if you or any families you know are looking for an excellent school in a welcoming community, feel free to contact me. I'd be happy to share why Sterling could be a wonderful fit. **Go Jets!!!**

The Jet Way

One of our key focuses at school this year has been using common language to ensure all students clearly understand the behavioral expectations. To achieve this, we have adopted what we call "The Jet Way", a framework that encompasses all aspects of these expectations. The Jet Way centers around three core areas of focus.

The first focus of the Jet Way is being **SAFE**. This includes a wide range of behavior expectations aimed at keeping the school environment secure for everyone. We want students to practice safe actions for themselves and others. By emphasizing safety as a school-wide priority, we ensure students understand that it applies to every area and activity within the school, regardless of their grade level.

The second focus of the Jet Way is being **RESPONSIBLE**. This covers more traditional aspects of school life, such as arriving to class on time, completing assignments, bringing necessary materials, and staying prepared. When students struggle with these tasks, they are often asked, "Is that following the Jet Way?". This serves as a helpful reminder of their responsibilities.

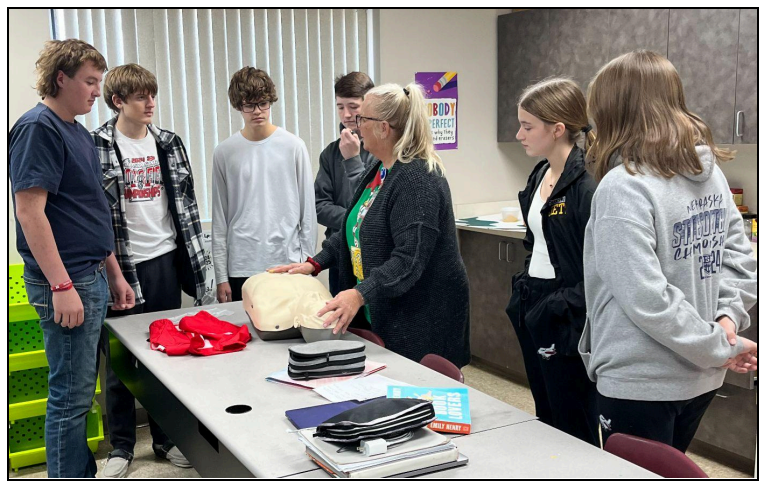
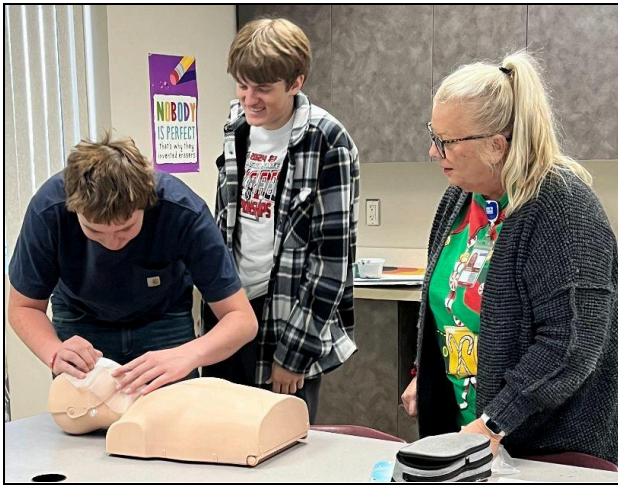
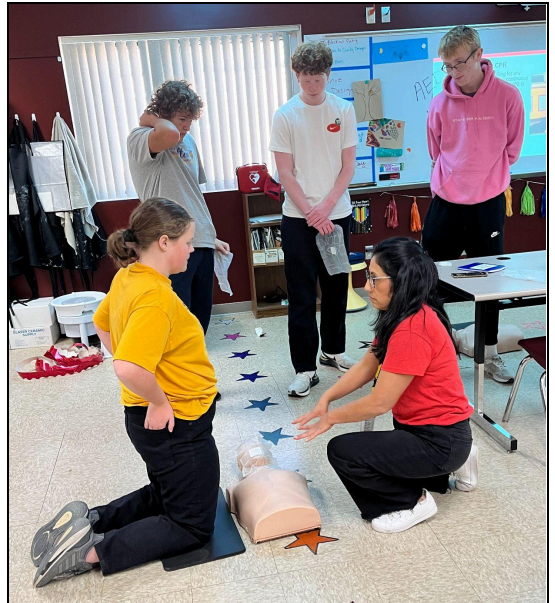
The third focus of the Jet Way is being **RESPECTFUL**. This area addresses how students interact with others at school, including peers, staff, and themselves. Being respectful applies to both words and actions, to ensure we maintain positive relationships and a supportive environment for everyone.

The Jet Way also helps bridge the gap between home and school. Safe, responsible, and respectful behavior is valuable not only at school but in all aspects of life. While The Jet Way is a school framework, our ultimate goal is to encourage students to carry these principles with them wherever they go.



The 6th grade was joined by all of their TeleCare friends for a Friendsgiving potluck complete with a mini concert by the kindergarten class and Mr. Gossard. Lots of laughs, conversations, and full tummies!

Jets in Action...



**Our whole Health class is CERTIFIED in Adult & Infant CPR/First Aid/AED use!
Special THANK YOU to Ivon and Mary Jo from ESU 4 for teaching them!**



Jets in Action...



Junior Class Field Trip to The State Capitol



Juniors Class Giving Party 2024



JANUARY 2025 MENUS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</p> <p>*Menu is subject to change without notice.</p>	<p>*Breakfast served with Fruit, Milk, Juice</p> <p>*Lunch served with Fruit, Veggies, Salad Bar, Milk</p>	<p>1 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>	<p>2 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>	<p>3 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>
<p>6 NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>	<p>7 B - Ham Patty, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns L - Ham & Beans, Roll</p>	<p>8 B - English Muffin, Sausage, Eggs L - Fish Patty</p>	<p>9 B - French Toast, Sausage, Omelet L - Tacos, Rice, Beans</p>	<p>10 B - Breakfast Quesadilla, Cheese Stick L - Biscuits & Gravy, Hash Browns, Omelet</p>
<p>13 B - Bagel, Egg Bites L - Chicken Noodle, Unrustable</p>	<p>14 B - Long John, Sausage, Eggs L - Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham</p>	<p>15 B - Ham Patty, Omelet, Hash Browns L - Chicken Tenders</p>	<p>16 B - Cinnamon Roll, Sausage, Eggs L - Sloppy Nachos, Rice</p>	<p>17 B - Biscuit, Sausage, Eggs L - Corn Dogs, Baked Beans</p>
<p>20 B - Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs L - Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes</p>	<p>21 B - Muffin, Sausage, Yogurt L - Burritos, Rice</p>	<p>22 B - Combo Bar, Diced Ham, Cheese Stick L - Pizza</p>	<p>23 B - Tornado, Sausage, Boiled Egg L - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chips</p>	<p>24 B - Oatmeal Bar, Ham, Fried Egg L - Chili, Cinnamon Roll</p>
<p>27 B - Cereal, Pop-Tart, Yogurt L - Chicken & Dumplings, Roll</p>	<p>28 B - Bagel, Scrambled Eggs, Cheese Stick L - Calzone, Beans</p>	<p>29 B - Donut, Bacon, Omelet L - Hamburgers, Mac & Cheese</p>	<p>30 B - French Toast Bites, Ham, Fried Egg L - Tomato Soup, Sliders</p>	<p>31 B - Breakfast Casserole L - Chicken Pot Pie, Roll</p>

Sterling Elementary is raising funds to purchase a new playground. We need your help to make this possible. Our goal is to raise \$30,000. We have raised a little over \$8,000! The elementary students are in need of a new playground. It is broken, old, rusted, and we can no longer purchase replacement pieces for the current playground. With the support of our amazing community, our youth will have a playground that is bigger and better.

With each Tier reached, EVERY elementary student will get to celebrate the reward! The class that raises the most money will earn a special prize once the fundraiser is over. You can donate through SchoolFundr by scanning the QR code or donate directly to the school. Please make checks payable to Sterling Elementary. Thank you for rallying behind our school to help us succeed!

If you have any questions please reach out to Mr. Davenport, Mrs. Bianchi, or Renae.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 29	30 G/B BB vs. Pawnee City (4 games) HOME - 4PM	31 Jan 1		2	3 G/B BB vs. Johnson-Brock (4 games) HOME - 4PM	4 G/B BB @ Mead (BJV/GV/BV) 3PM
5	6 NO SCHOOL TEACHER INSERVICE G/B BB vs. Diller-Odell (4 games) HOME - 4PM	7 1st Day of School - 2nd Semester	8 NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK	9 G/B BB @ Dorchester (G/JV/GV/BV) 5PM	10 G/B BB vs. HTRS (4 games) HOME - 4PM	11
12	13	14	15 NO PRESCHOOL K-12 2:45PM DISMISSAL	16	17	18
19	20 School Board Meeting - 7PM	21 JH BBB @ EMF - 5PM	22 2:45PM DISMISSAL	23 JH BBB vs. Deshler - HOME - 2PM Johnson-Brock JH GBB Tournament - 4PM G/B BB vs. Parkview Christian (GV/BV) HOME - 6:30PM Navy Recruiter - Junior Government Class	24 G/B BB @ Southern (4 games) 4:30PM	25 Snowcoming Dance
26	27 Pioneer Conference Instrumental Clinic @ HTRS JH GBB @ Pawnee City - 2PM Freeman Elem/ JH Quiz Bowl 4-7PM	28 G/B BB @ LCC (4 games) 4PM	29 NO PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY ESU Leadership Academy @ Auburn - 9AM JH GBB vs. Diller-Odell - HOME - 1PM	30 G/B BB vs. Weeping Water (4 games) HOME - 4PM	31 G/B BB vs. Lewiston (BJV/GV/BV) HOME - 4:30PM	Feb 1 MUDECAS Speech Contest @ HTRS

Calendar is subject to change. Please check the Weekly Bulletin, Facebook, or Google Calendar on the school website:
www.sterlingjets.org for the most up-to-date info. Thank you!

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SUPERINTENDENT

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PREK - 12 PRINCIPAL

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2024-2025 ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26
July 12, 2025	June 6	June 20



THE FOUNDATION PROVIDED SCHOLARSHIPS TO SENIORS WHO QUALIFY AND APPLY. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO ASSIST STERLING STUDENTS PURSUING A SECONDARY EDUCATION.

3rd Grade Annual Grinch Party

