

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MARCH 2017

SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Mr. Knippelmeyer



2017-18 Superintendent - Welcome Mrs. Dottie Heusman! Dottie Heusman has been in education for 30 years. She has taught all elementary grades, Title I, and Reading Recovery. Her administrative experiences have included being a K-12 Curriculum Director at Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools, a Statewide Assessment Coordinator at the Department of Education, and an Elementary Principal for the last nine years for District 145 Waverly at Eagle Elementary which is a PK-5 grade building. Dottie and her husband are Sterling residents. They have two sons, Klay and Kale, who are both graduates of Sterling Public Schools. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, watching movies, and playing with their English Bulldog. Dottie is excited and looking forward to joining the Sterling Public School Community!



Board of Education Update: The Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, Feb. 20. A summary of this meeting includes:

- The board received information from Roger Huls, in regard to zoning in Sterling and changing the zoning of the 160 Main Street property from residential to commercial
- The board approved the following:
 - o Superintendent contract for Dottie Heusman for 2017-18 and 2018-19
 - o 2017-18 school calendar
 - o Principal contract for Ryun Theobald for the 2017-18 school year
 - o Commendations: Spelling Bee winners, Superintendent Search volunteers, and Cheri Wirthele for her volunteering during Pioneer Conf. Basketball Tournament
- The board discussed the following topics without taking action:
 - o Staffing update for the 2017-18 school year
 - o Facilities and Grounds - discussions with Cheever Construction, Boyd Jones Co., Clark Enersen Architects, and Schemmer Architects
 - o Athletic Co-op Discussion with Johnson County Central about HS Football and JH Football. The board subcommittee of Lois Agena, John Harms, Mark Parde, and Ryun Theobald met with representatives from JCC on Feb. 19 to discuss possible opportunities. No decision on how to proceed was discussed at this meeting.
- The board went into closed session to discuss:
 - o Strategy session in regard to collective bargaining

Pre-Kindergarten 2017-18: Information about our school-based pre-kindergarten program for 3-4 year olds has been mailed to families that we have on our list, based on the 2016 Census report. If you have a child, or know of a child in our community / district that will be 3 or 4 years old by July 31, 2017, and they did not receive information about our school-based program, please contact Ryan Knippelmeyer or the school office for more information. Pre-Kindergarten round-up for students new to Sterling, or who are not currently attending our preschool program, will be March 17, 2017, from 9:15-10:30.

Wednesday Early Out (1:37PM) Days: March 1 - April 5



2016-2017 ACT TEST DATES

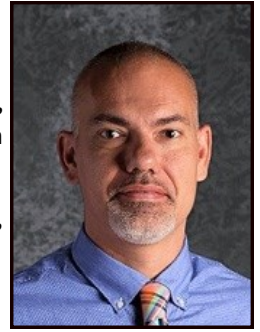
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Fee Required)	Photo Upload Deadline
April 8, 2017	March 3	March 4-17	March 31
June 10, 2017	May 5	May 6-19	June 2



Believers and Achievers

Micah Erickson was chosen as one of the 48 NSAA Believers and Achievers this year. He will be receiving his award at halftime of the Class C-2 girls state championship game starting at 4:30 PM on Saturday, March 4th.

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL by Mr. Theobald



Missoula Children's Theater. Just a reminder that we will be hosting this week-long residency, March 27th to March 31st. Information packets were sent home with all students, kindergarten through 8th grade, during the last week in February.

Johnson County Spelling Bee. The annual Johnson County Spelling Bee was held on Saturday, February 4th, 2017. Results are as follows for Sterling participants:

8th grade: Isabella Haner - 2nd place, Emma Harms - 3rd place

6th grade: Noah Williams - 3rd place

5th grade: Amelia Kephart - 3rd place

4th grade: Colin Wambold - 1st place, Piper Kinney - 2nd place

In the overall competition, Emma Harms was the 2nd Runner Up. Congratulations to all of our participants and placers for an outstanding job of representing Sterling!

Spring Testing Season. As we enter March, our staff and students continue to prepare for our NeSA assessments. The testing window this year is from March 20th - May 5th, for grades 3-8 in Language Arts, Math, and Science. As a school, we will be communicating with parents when specific tests will be given. Sterling students have done very, very well over the past several years, and we want this trend to continue. Sending students to school well rested and ready to perform well is a key to success. All juniors will be taking the ACT on April 19th. This will take the place of their normal NeSA assessments. More specific information will be sent home to junior parents in the upcoming weeks.

School Improvement Visit. Every five years, schools are required to host an external team of experts to examine practices and procedures to meet NDE Rule 10 for accreditation. Our visit will take place on the evening of March 21st and all day on March 22nd. This is an opportunity for an independent group of experts to examine what we have done over the past five years. At the end of the visit, the team will provide commendations for things we have done well, but more importantly, they will give us specific recommendations as we continue to provide the best education possible for our students.

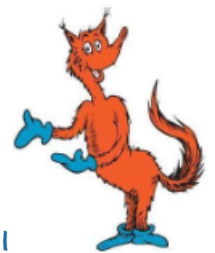
As always, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

GO JETS!!!

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK - DRESS UP DAYS



Feb 27 - Mar 3 2017



Monday - Silly Sock Day!

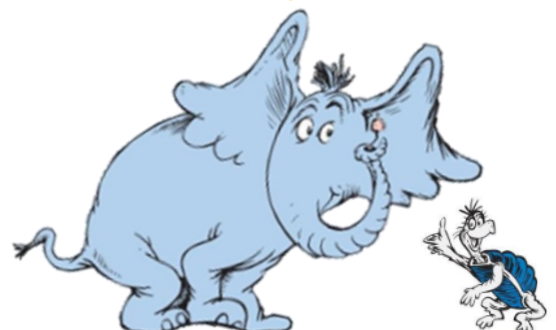
Tuesday - Hats Off to Dr. Seuss - Wear the craziest hat you can find!

WEDNESDAY - WACKY DAY!

Thursday - Pajama Day!



Friday - NO SCHOOL!



From The Counselor's Desk...

Addie Heusman, K-12 Guidance Counselor



ATTENTION JUNIORS

ACT: The Nebraska Department of Education has chosen the ACT to replace the NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability Assessment) for all Juniors beginning this spring. All juniors will be taking the ACT test administered by the school on **Wednesday, April 19**. It is important that parents help to make sure that all Juniors are in school on this date. More information and details will be sent out as the test date nears; however, here is some information about some initial questions that you may have.

Q: Will the students have to pay for the test?

A: No, this test will be provided free of charge.

Q: Will this ACT score be a valid score to send to college?

A: Yes, the scores will be treated the same as any other National ACT Saturday test date.

Q: Do students need to register online?

A: No, students will be registered by information provided by the school.

Q: Will students be able to send scores to colleges?

A: Yes, students will fill out a pre-test form that they will be able to indicate what colleges they want scores to be sent.

Q: What happens if my child cannot take the ACT on April 19 for an unavoidable reason?

A: There will be one make-up test date on May 3.

ACCUPLACER

On Monday, March 27, SCC will be administering the ACCUPLACER placement test here at Sterling Public Schools. This test replaces the COMPASS test as discussed in a previous newsletter. Students who are interested in attending a 2-year college and have not or are not planning on taking the ACT should consider taking the ACCUPLACER. Sophomores or Juniors who are interested in taking college classes while still here at SPS and have not taken the ACT may also consider taking the test. Students can take any part or all of the test available to students at no charge. In order to sign-up for the test or if you have questions, please contact Mrs. Heusman.

MARCH "TO DO" LIST

Sophomores & Juniors: Register for the April 8 ACT by March 3 and the June 10th ACT by May 5.

Juniors: Start looking at colleges and schedule a spring visit. Complete Boys or Girls State Application.

**GRADUATION IS SATURDAY,
MAY 13 AT 4:00 P.M.**



COLLEGE FAIRS

Lincoln: March 19, 1 - 3 p.m., Southeast Comm. College

Omaha: April 9, 1 - 3 p.m., University of Neb. Omaha



QUESTIONS? Contact
aheusman@sterlingpublicschools.com





2017 STERLING HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE



<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thurs, March 23	Pioneer Indoor	Crete-Doane	9:00
Tues, March 28	Wilber-Clatonia Invite	Wilber	2:00
Wed, April 5	Mustang Invite	Friend	10:00
Tues, April 11	Lewiston Invite	Pawnee City	9:30
Tues, April 18	Irish Invite	Syracuse	9:30
Sat, April 22	MUDECAS	Pawnee City	9:00
Tues, April 25	Pawnee City Invite	Pawnee City	9:00
Sat, April 29	Pioneer Conference	Pawnee City	9:00
Tues, May 2	Freeman Invite	Adams	9:00
Wed, May 10	Districts	Auburn	11:00
Fri/Sat, May 19-20	State Track Meet	Omaha	3:30/9:30



2017 STERLING JUNIOR HIGH TRACK SCHEDULE



<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thurs, April 6	HTRS Invite	Pawnee City	9:00
Sat, April 8	MUDECAS	Tri County	9:00
Thurs, April 13	Pawnee City Invite	Pawnee City	10:00
Thurs, April 20	Freeman Invite	Adams	4:00
Wed, April 26	Lewiston Invite	Pawnee City	9:00
Sat, May 6	Pioneer Conference	Pawnee City	9:00



GRANDPARENTS & PARENTS reading to the
 Kindergartners at the Senior Center






MARCH



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>Menus are subject to change without notice.</i></p> <p><i>Milk served with every meal.</i></p> <p><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i></p>	<p><i>Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad</i></p> <p><i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p>	<p>1 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Fish Nuggets, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>2 B- WG French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal /WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Peaches</p>	<p>3 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>
<p>6 B- Breakfast Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Goulash, Green Beans, WG Roll w/ Jelly, Pears</p>	<p>7 B- Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR WG Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Corn, Celery w/ PB, Applesauce</p>	<p>8 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Noodle Soup, PB&J Sandwich, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Peaches</p>	<p>9 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas, Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>10 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</p>
<p>13 B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>14 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Fajita, Green Beans, Rice, Pears</p>	<p>15 B- WG Waffle, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>16 B- Donut OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Vegetable Beef Soup, Romaine Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Breadstick, Applesauce</p>	<p>17 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tuna Casserole, Peas, WG Muffin Square, Peaches</p>
<p>20 B- WG Pancake, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger, FF and/or Swt FF, Tomatoes, Peaches</p>	<p>21 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chili Soup, Romaine Lettuce Salad, WG Cinnamon Roll, Applesauce</p>	<p>22 B- Sausage Gravy over Biscuits OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Green Beans, Tator Gems and/or Swt Tator Gems, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>23 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Submarines, Corn, Gelatin, Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>24 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, WG Breadstick, Pears</p>
<p>27 B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Spaghetti, Green Beans, WG Garlic Bread, Applesauce</p>	<p>28 B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hot Dog on WG Bun, Baked Beans, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Peaches</p>	<p>29 B- B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Burritos, Chips w/ Salsa, Peas, Pears</p>	<p>30 B- Pancake & Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>31 B- Oatmeal OR WG Cereal/ WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tomato Soup, Romaine Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Sandwich, Mandarin Oranges</p>

March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Johnson-Brock JH GBB Tournament - 4PM 1st Day of Spring Practice	28 Wax Museum - 10AM BBB DISTRICT FINALS @ TBA	March 1 EARLY OUT - 1:37PM B103 Quiz Bowl - 9:30AM	2 JH SkillsUSA Competition @ Omaha	3 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	4
5	6 Pioneer Conf. Speech Contest @ Diller-Odell - 9AM	7	8	9 END OF 3RD QUARTER	10 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	11
12	13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS - SPRING FORWARD!!!	14	15	16 Pioneer Conf. HS Quiz Bowl @ Friend	17 Kindergarten Round-Up NO SCHOOL PreK & KINDERGARTEN 	18 Elementary Movie Night - 7PM Community Association BB Tournament
19	20 Community Association BB Tournament Pioneer Conf. JH Quiz Bowl @ Southern SCHOOL BOARD MTG. - 7:30PM	21 MUDECAS Music Contest @ Tri County	22	23 Pioneer Conf. Indoor Track @ Doane - 9AM	24 HTRS MS Music Contest - Table Rock State Speech Contest @ Kearney (C2/D1/D2)	25 PROM
26	27 Capitol Forum Accuplacer Test - 9AM	28 Wilber-Clatonia HS Track Invite - 2PM	29 MUDECAS HS Quiz Bowl @ Freeman - 10AM	30	31	April 1 Elementary Movie Night - 7PM
MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE						
SKILLSUSA STATE CONVENTION @ GRAND ISLAND						

Sterling Summer Drivers Education 2017

Sterling Public Schools will be offering Drivers Education for the summer of 2017. Mr. Boldt will be the instructor for the classroom instruction and behind the wheel driving. The classroom instruction will be Monday, June 12 - Thursday, June 15 from 9AM-2:30PM with a lunch break from 11:30-12PM. (Students should bring their own lunch). We will be having the classroom part of Driver's Education at JCC. We are combining the 2 classes this summer. We will provide transportation to and from JCC. We will leave Sterling at 8:20AM and will be back around 3PM.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the first classroom session so that the kids can pick their drive times. Please check you calendar so you have an idea of when you can drive. The drive schedule will be as follows: **Monday-Thursday Choices: 8-11AM, 11AM-2PM, and 2-5PM** (you drive all 4 days at the same time, in 4 consecutive days). All drivers will drive for 1.5 hours each day and observe their partner for 1.5 hours.

Nebraska requirements for all Drivers Education Programs are: 20 hours of classroom instruction followed by 5 hours of behind the wheel training, plus the final drive test.

Each student will be tested on the final day of driving in accordance with state mandated policy and procedure. For this test, students will drive a pre-determined test route approved by the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

- 1. If you live in town (within 1.5 miles of school), you must be 15 by October 15th and have your learner's permit (LPD) before doing the driving portion of Driver's Education. You can take the classroom portion of Driver's Education. You can take the classroom portion without your LPD, but not the driving portion. If you are 15 or will turn 15 before the classroom instruction portion, (June 12-15), please have your LPD before class starts. It's not required, but will make scheduling our drive times much easier.*
- 1. 2. If you live more than 1.5 miles from school, you must be 13 years old to take Drivers Education. If you are 14 or turn 14 before the classroom instruction portion (June 12-15), please have your school learners permit (LPE) before class starts. It's not required, but will make scheduling our drive times much easier.*

Note: If you are 13, you must turn 14 by October 15 in order to be eligible to take Drivers Education.

Cost of the class will be \$225 for Sterling students and \$250 for students not attending Sterling Public Schools. Payment must be made to Sterling Public Schools before a student will be allowed to drive.

_____ Yes, my son/daughter, _____ will be taking summer Drivers Education.

_____ No, my son/daughter, _____ will not be taking summer Drivers Education.

Questions: Sterling Public Schools at 402-866-4761 or email lboldt@sterlingpublicschools.com

Thank you very much,
Luke Boldt

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DON'T FORGET...

March 1	EARLY OUT - 1:37PM
March 2-4	Girls State Basketball
March 3	NO SCHOOL
March 9	End of 3rd Quarter
March 9-11	Boys State Basketball
March 10	NO SCHOOL
March 12	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
March 17	Kindergarten Round-Up NO SCHOOL - PreK and Kindergarten
March 18 & 19	Community Association BB Tournament
March 20	SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 25	Prom
March 27-31	Missoula Children's Theatre



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