MAY 2016 = STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Mr. Knippelmeyer

Low Lunch Balances - Thank you for your help throughout the year in keeping your child(rens) lunch and breakfast balance paid up! As we get close to the end of the year, please keep your balances at or above \$0.00. We will send reminders home the last few days of school and appreciate you taking care of negative balances before the last day of school.

Gym Update - We are getting closer to having the work completed in our gym. The floor is stained, painted, and sealed, bleachers are installed, we're ready for spring programs and graduation, and then the gym floor will be finished. Unfortunately, the floor will be covered during the spring programs and graduation, but we will have a video playing outside the gym for everyone to see during our spring programs and events. Since the finish coats are not applied to the floor, we need to do our



best to protect the paint with tarps during these end-of-the-year events. Please take the time to watch the video to see what the floor looks like.

Gym Lights - We will be replacing our current lights in the gym with energy efficient LED fixtures. This will provide monthly energy savings and these fixtures will pay for themselves over time. This project will take place over the summer.

Gym Scoreboards - With all of the work that has been done in the gym, we are looking at the possibility of getting new scoreboards as well. As a part of the video being played outside the gym during upcoming programs and events, pictures of possible scoreboards will be displayed. In order for this to happen, we are asking for donations for new scoreboards. New scoreboards will cost approximately \$10,000 and in order for us to be able to replace them, we will need to cover half of that cost from donations. Additional information about donating towards this scoreboard project can be found outside the gym at these spring events, as well as in the school office.

April School Board Summary

- Miss Woeppel, Micah E., and Sydney G. presented to the board about FFA and the Ag program.
- Members from the school board, village board, and community association will be working together to identify needs in the community and how each group can be involved in working to meet those needs.
- The Board approved the following:
 - Pre-Kindergarten Teaching Contract for Katie Marshall
 - All Certified Teaching Contracts for 2016-17
 - Replacement of the Gym Lights bid from Al Wusk. We will be replacing the current gym lights with rectangular LED lights this summer.
- Replacement of Gym Scoreboards This was discussed but was tabled until next month. We will be looking at two
 different options.
- Other Discussion Items Gym Update, Gym Sound System options (upgrading the speakers and sound system will be around \$13,000. We will eventually be looking at donations to help with this as well, if we want to upgrade the speakers and sound system in the gym), EHA Health Saving Account option, Summer Custodial / Facilities Projects. We are planning to have a board work session with Gil Peace, our architect, at 6:45 on May 16, followed by the regular meeting at 7:30.

New Pre-Kindergarten Teacher - Katie Marshall - I am thrilled to continue my teaching journey as the 2016-17



Preschool teacher for Sterling Public Schools. I love working with young students because they are energetic, funny, and always want to learn more. My classroom is centered on play-based curriculum. Students will learn social emotional and pre-academic skills.

I was born, raised and graduated from Beatrice. I received my Bachelor of Science Degree with an endorsement in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Peru State College in May, 2014. Currently I am teaching Preschool in an inclusive classroom at Beatrice. During the 2014-15 school year, I was a substitute teacher at Sterling, Tri County and Beatrice. A few of you may remember me as Miss Bornemeier because I was a long-term substitute in Kindergarten for Mrs. Clark. I enjoyed subbing in Sterling and I am very excited to be back.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my husband and two dogs. We also enjoy the outdoors and riding horses. My husband and I just recently moved east of Hickman and love the rural area.

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Teaching has always been my passion. I absolutely love school and can't wait to pass my love for learning on to my students.

Last Day of School - May 18; 12:00 dismissal. Breakfast and Lunch are not served the last day of school. Planning for the 2016-17 school year:

- August 10 Elementary Open House and 7th grade Orientation
- August II First day of school K-I2
- August 15 First day of Pre-Kindergarten

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL by Mr. Theobald

Another successful year is almost in the books. Looking back, I would like to compliment our students, staff, and community for being flexible with the renovations that were required to take place in the gym due to the leak in the roof. Although the timing was not ideal, the upgrades should be a benefit for both the school and community. In the end, we have still been able to provide a great learning opportunity for our students, which makes this past year a success. With that being said, here are a few reminders for the end of the year.



Awards Night. The annual Awards Night program will be held on Monday, May 2nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. This is a time for teachers, coaches and sponsors to recognize their students for their outstanding achievements from this past year. This night also doubles as the induction ceremony for those students who will be welcomed into the National Honor Society. The program will conclude with the coronation ceremony for the Awards Night King and Queen, as well as a dessert bar. As this is a semi-formal event, I would ask that parents please encourage your student(s) to dress appropriately. We as a staff would prefer not to see shorts, t-shirts, and flip flops.

Graduation. Graduation will take place on Saturday, May 7th, 2016. The ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Good Luck and Best Wishes to the Sterling Senior Class of 2016!

End of the Year. Semester testing for students in grades 7-11 will take place on May 16th and 17th. The last day of school will be May 18th, with a noon dismissal. This will be for all students in grades K through 11. We will not be serving breakfast or lunch on this day.

Kindergarten Graduation. This will be the only activity that has been rescheduled due to the gym renovations. Normally this has taken place on the last full day of school. However, since we will need to have the final finish coats on the floor, with sufficient time to dry, prior to the alumni banquet and Memorial Day dinner, kindergarten graduation will now take place on May I 0th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. With this change, the last day of school will also be the last day of school for kindergarten students.

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

GO IETS!!!

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

MARCH

SYDNEY HULS &

TREYTON COCKERILL

ACT	ACT TEST DATES 2015-16				
Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required			
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016			

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Just go to the Walsworth website using this link:
https://yearbookforever.com/ssDeepLink.
aspx or contact Mr. Davenport:
idavenport@sterlingpublicschools.com!
Don't miss out on preserving all of the memories made here at Sterling Public Schools!



CLASS OF 2016



Emma Míchelle Akers

College: University of Nebraska - Kearney **Major:** Music Education

Haylee Rae Boldt

College: Peru State College
Major: Early Childhood Education

Joshua Dean Dolbow

College: SCC - Milford
Major: Diesel Truck Technology

Alex Christopher Donovan

College: SCC - Lincoln Major: Welding

Eríka Paíge Eckhardt

College: University of Wyoming **Major:** Pre-Veterinary Science

Líndy Elizabeth Frink

Seeking Full-Time Employment as a Nanny

Eríka Beth Goracke

College: SCC - Beatrice **Major:** Academic Transfer

Karí Línn Hansen

College: College of Hair Design **Major:** Cosmetology

Marah Lee Hestermann

College: Wayne State College Major: Pre-Physical Therapy

Hannah Jo Jasa

College: Peru State College **Major:** Radiography (RHOP Program)

Bailey Marie Kahler

College: Wayne State College Major: Human Services

Elly Christine Lempka

College: Peru State College
Major: Elementary/Early Childhood Education

Joshua Raymond Masur

College: Wayne State College Major: Pre-Physical Therapy

Jonathan Lee Perkins

Entering the Army National Guard

Niccolo (Manfre) Scattoni

Exchange Student from Italy

Thomas Eldon Tucker

College: SCC - Beatrice **Major:** Diversified Agriculture

Patricia Lynn Vermeer

College: SCC - Lincoln **Major:** Food Service/Hospitality/Event Planning

Jordan Leo Wenzl

College: SCC - Milford **Major:** Energy Generation Operations

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES GRADUATES!



Alisha Fisher of Sterling, will be representing Bickel Nelson Legion Auxiliary #360 from Cook, Nebraska, and will join other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Girl's State, Sunday, June 5th through Saturday, June 11th at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Sandoz Residence Hall.

Alisha is a junior at Sterling Public Schools. Her school activities include band, FFA, SkillsUSA, One-Act Play, volleyball, basketball, and track. Out of school, Alisha is involved in Spoons and Spools 4-H Club and Luther League.

She has been a consistent Honor Roll student through her junior high and high school years. She is a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sterling, Nebraska. Alisha is the daughter of Danny and Artis Fisher of Sterling.

The American Legion Auxiliary developed a citizenship training program based on the formation of the American Legion's Boys State program. This program offers training in the positive processes of self-government and good citizenship as practiced in democratic societies.

Girls State began as one and two day sessions in the late 1930's. In 1939, Girls State was altered to make it a week-long government education program. Since 1948, it has been a regular part of the Auxiliary's Americanism curriculum.

The program is funded by the American Legion Auxiliary with some additional support coming from other civic and non-profit organizations. Little or no expense is required of the delegates and her family.

Each summer approximately 25,000 young women participate in Girls State sessions across the nation. At Girls State, the delegates study local, county, and state government. The girls do this by setting up their own miniature city, county, and state governments and administer them according to the rules and procedures set by Nebraska's laws.

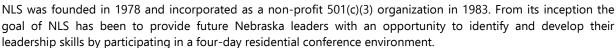
After arriving at Cornhusker Girls State, the citizens are divided into 12 towns named after the Presidents of the United States. The citizens are also divided into two political parties -- the Federalists and the Nationalists. These parties do not reflect the two major political parties in today's system of government. The parties allow citizens to gain knowledge of how a two-party system operates.

Girls State citizens participate in these mock political parties and elections are held to fill city, county, and state positions. Other activities include legislative sessions, campaigning, party rallies, mock trials, and debating. The citizens also receive instruction in Parliamentary Procedure.

2016-17 EARLY OUT (1:37PM) DAYS SEPT 7 - OCT 5 - NOV 2 - DEC 7- FEB 1 - MARCH 1 - APRIL 5

NLS REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Kaleb Williams who has been chosen as Sterling's representative to attend Nebraska Leadership Seminar (NLS), which will be held at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska from June 16th through the 19th.





NLS is intended for Nebraska high school students between their sophomore and junior year. All Nebraska high schools have the opportunity to nominate two students, referred to as delegates, to participate in this unique experience. Students receiving this honor are exposed to interactive team building activities, keynote speakers from around the country, current events discussions, and a community service project aiding them in the discovery, development, and application of their leadership skills. Delegates are encouraged and supported as they voice their personal perspectives while learning to appreciate and respect opinions that differ from their own. Peer interaction is built into the program to promote bonds and friendships with other student leaders from across the state. Further adding to the experience, in 2001 NLS partnered with the Gallup Organization offering the delegates the opportunity to participate in the Clifton's StrengthsFinder Assessment.

NLS, from the Corporate Board, Planning Committee, Alumni Association, and Seminar staff, is composed entirely of Nebraska volunteers. The dedication and passion demonstrated by these individuals to provide future Nebraska leaders with this experience has made a difference in the lives of over 6,000 students from over 300 school districts across the state. NLS is a program that is recognized by higher education institutions and has been instrumental in securing scholarships for a number of students who have been privileged to attend.

VFW WRITING CONTEST

We also had winners in the VFW writing contest "Our Veterans". The entire fifth and sixth grades were required to write a 250-300 word essay for this contest, which they enter every year.



The winners for fifth grade were: Ist place - Gracyn Dolbow; 2nd place - Kaylin Smith; and 3rd place - Andrew Harms.

Sixth grade winners were: Ist place - Garrett Hier; 2nd place - Jordan Cano; and 3rd place - Zeke Topp.

They competed with other area schools in this contest. They all did a great job in representing Sterling Elementary School, and showed how well they can write essays. We are very proud of all of our students. They do an excellent job in all academic areas. Unfortunately, these essays are not sent on for other competitions until they are in grades seven through twelve.

Fourth Grade Winners: Ist place - Ellie Lafferty; 2nd place - Dahlton Fisher; and 3rd place - Cassie Klein

2015-16 ALL-SUNLAND TEAMS



VOLLEYBALL

2nd **Team** Taylor Cockerill

Honorable Mention Hannah Jasa & Erika Goracke

GIRLS BASKETBALL

F^T Team
Taylor Cockerill

2nd Team
Erika Goracke

Honorable Mention
Bailey Kahler



FOOTBALL

Offense
Jordan Wenzl

Defense
Thomas Tucker

Honorable Mention Mason Gee







BOYS BASKETBALL

2nd Team Dylan Benson Honorable Mention

Micah Erickson

SUMMER Office HOURS: TUES-THURS / 9AM-3PM







5th & 6th GRADE WRITING CELEBRATIONS

Kevin Bessey, a fifth grade student, won first place in the "What My Mother Means to Me" writing contest. The fifth grade classes have entered this contest for the past nine years, and have had winners in the top ten for seven of the nine years. This is the first time anyone has won first place, and we are very excited for Kevin. There were 228 participants from several schools around the state. He and his family attended a Recognition Ceremony at the State Capital in



Lincoln on Friday, April 1st, 2016. He received a plague and read his essay in the Warner Chamber in front of a group of members of the American Mothers, Inc.

announced at the ceremony, Kevin won first place. Kevin and his grandmother went to the Governor's Mansion for a luncheon following the ceremony. His essay was sent to Washington DC and competed in the National competition. The first place national winner will be honored at the Conference on April 26th in Washington DC. Congratulations Kevin - We are very proud of you!

KEVIN'S ESSAY: I came to live with my grandma when I was about four years old. It was tough to leave what I knew as home, but I had to. I respect my grandma for taking me in at her age; she had already raised her family. She works hard to keep the house running. She keeps the house clean, sanitized, and decorated. Every holiday she gives us gifts for Christmas and our birthdays. Mother is more than a word to me, to me it is a word of life and very hard work. My grandmother does a lot of work, more work than most men. Grandma has gone through a lot of hardships in her life, but she has never made me feel like I was one of them. Grandma has taught me the importance of work ethic, and where it will get me in life. My grandma is my mom, grandma, and my friend.



2nd place winners: **Svdnev Goracke** -Job Skill Demonstration **Brielle Salberg** -Action Skills **Emma Akers** -Customer Service

SHS took 2nd place during **SkillsUSA Week!**

All medication needs to be picked up by a parent by June 5th. All medication left after this date will be disposed of regardless of the expiration date.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Campbell Soup is no longer accepting labels from schools after this school year. They will continue to support schools through "Grand Stand for Schools" sweepstakes. They will award one million dollars in prize money to winning schools in the upcoming year. At the end of the year, 100 schools will win \$10,000.

Our school appreciates your support for the last several years, but you will no longer need to collect labels or beverage

We are, although, still collecting box tops. Thanks so much! - Ms. Kate

2016 STERLING LADY JETS BB CAMP

Current Grades: 8th-11th

8-9:30AM 9:30-11AM Summer Offense/Defense Skills Current Grades: 6th-7th 9:30-11AM Skills Camp Current Grades: K-5th 11:30AM-1PM Skills Camp

WED, JUNE 1ST - SAT, JUNE 4TH

Each girl attending will receive a Lady Jets t-shirt. We will be working on individual skills, along with team concepts and drills the girls can practice at home. The cost is **\$30 per camper**, and will cover all four days. If interested please fill out the **Parent Release Form** below and return with cash/check.

Make checks payable to: **LADY JET BASKETBALL - ANN PARRISH** If you have any questions at all, please call Assistant Coach Parrish at (402) 440-8184.

Tradition, Fundamentals, and Hard work have led to our Lady Jet success.

Come learn to be successful with us!

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Pioneer Conference - 3rd place

MUDECAS 'A' - 2nd place

Weeping Water Holiday Tournament Champions

NSAA All-Class, All-Time Charts for 3's made in Season (148 made)

Final Rankings: 5th LIS & 6th OWH









2016 Sterling Lady Jets BB Camp -- Parent Release Form (Return by May 13th)

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Each time we meet, we will plan to share a few books and do a small craft related to the stories.

Parents do not have to stay for this hour but please be prepared to pick This Year's Theme: Holidays! them up at 3:00.

Dates: Tuesdays in July -5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

Times: 2-3PM

Ages: 4 & up

Place: Town Library on Main

Street

Hosted By: Abby Heusman

3RD GRADE AUTHORS

The third graders participated in the National Schools Project. This is a publishing opportunity for young writers. The students were asked to write a "haiku" poem. A haiku poem has five syllables in the first line, seven syllables in the second line, and five syllables in the third line. Some students decided to submit their poems. I am very proud of all of the third graders for the hard work they put into their Haiku Poem! The Young American Poetry Digest will publish some of the poems our class wrote.

Way to go third grade!!!



2016 STERLING HIGH ALUMNI BANQUET



Sterling High School Gymnasium Sunday, May 29th, 2016 5:00PM Social Time 5:30PM Banquet



Advanced Registration, please mail check and this registration form **no later than May 23rd** to:

Chelsea VanGroningen 790 Washington St Sterling, NE 68443

Name:		
Address:		
E-mail:		
	Sterling High Class of:	
	Number of Advance Meal Tickets:	
	At \$12.00 each=\$	
	Tickets available at the door for \$14.00	

2016 STERLING JETS BASKETBALL CAMP

Attend camp to learn skills work and improve shooting form all while having fun!

Improvement starts with a positive attitude and mind set.

Be motivated to learn and improve!!!!!

Help Keep the Tradition Strong!



JET PRIDE CAMP - JUNE 6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 10TH

This camp is for CURRENT grades K-11th.

Current Grades 7th through 11th

Current Grades
K through 6th

M-6th, T-7th, W-8th, & F-10th

8-11AM

11:30AM-1PM

Each boy attending will be given a Jets t-shirt. They will also receive individual skills work along with team concepts and drills they can work on at home. The cost is **\$35 per camper**, and will cover all four days. If interested please fill out the **Parent Release Form** below and return with cash/check.

Make checks payable to: **JET BASKETBALL - ANDY SAATHOFF** If you have any questions at all, please call Coach Saathoff: 402-239-3817

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.	Milk served with every meal.	Menus are subject to change without notice.	Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad	USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
2 B- French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Lasagna Roll-Up, Corn, Lettuce Salad, Applesauce	3 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Teriyaki, Peas, Rice, Pineapple Tidbits	4 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Pears	5 B- Waffles, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Salisbury Steak and/or BBQ Rib, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit	6 B- Egg Taco OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pork Patty on WG Bun, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Baked Beans, Peaches
9 B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Pears	10 B- Egg Taco OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Corn, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges	11 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hot Dog on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Baked Beans, Peaches		13 B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Submarines, Mixed Vegetables, Gelatin, Mixed Fruit
16 B- Egg Taco OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Cook's Choice, Corn, Baked Beans, Applesauce	17 B- Cook's Choice OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! NO MEALS SERVED		



Bailey Kahler & Jordan Wenzl



Erika Goracke, with her family and coaches, signed a letter of intent to play basketball this fall with the SCC-Beatrice Storm!

Congrats Erika and best of luck!





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
-	Awards Night - 7PM in the gym	3 Freeman HS Track Invite - 9AM	4	SENIORS LAST DAY: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Memorial Stadium K-2nd Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Museum HS Music Concert (Large Groups) - 7PM in the gym	•	Graduation - 4PM in the gym Pioneer Conference JH Track Meet @ Pawnee City - 9AM
HAPPY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.	Elementary Music Concert - 7PM in the gym	Kindergarten Graduation - 2PM in the gym PreK Graduation - 6PM in the gym	11 HS District Track Meet - 10:30AM @ Auburn	12	13	14
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DON'T FORGET...

May 2	Awards	Night
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May 5 SENIORS LAST DAY

HS Music Concert (Large Groups)

May 7 Graduation

May 8 Mother's Day

May 9 Elementary Music Concert

May 10 Kindergarten Graduation

PreK Graduation

May 16 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 16-17 Semester Testing

May 18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - NOON DISMISSAL

May 20-21 HS State Track Meet

May 30 Memorial Day

Stay up to date with all things JET related by going to the school website: www.sterlingjets.org, our Facebook page, and for sports scores, follow us on Twitter: @gspsjetpride!!!

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!!!