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## Superintendent Notes by Mr. Knippelmeyer

Last Day of School: Ist -I Ith grade: Thursday, May 18: I:37PM dismissal. Breakfast and Lunch will be served as normal. Pre-K and Kindergarten Celebrations will take place on Wednesday, May 17, and this will be Pre-K and Kindergarten's last day of school. They will not have school on Thursday, May 18.

## Planning for the 2017-18 school year:

- August 14 - Elementary Open House and 7th grade Orientation
- August I5-First day of school K-I2

- August 18 - No School - Johnson County Fair
- August 2I - First day of Pre-Kindergarten

Low Lunch Balances: Thank you for your help throughout the year in keeping your child(rens) lunch and breakfast balances paid up! As we get close to the end of the school 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. Students will need to check out with Denise, in the kitchen, and take care of any negative lunch balances before the end of the last school day.

## April School Board Summary:

- The board approved Clark Enersen Partners as the school's architect for future projects
- The board approved the Negotiated Agreement with Sterling Education Association for the 2017-2018 school year
- The board approved Certified Teacher contracts for the 20I7-20I8 school year
- The board approved the purchase of a 2016 Chevy Express van from Brinkman Bros.
- The board approved interlocal agreements with ESU 4 for the 2017-2018 school year
- The board discussed, without taking action, the following topics: 2017-18 preschool and staffing, non-certified staff salaries, and breakfast and lunch prices for 2017-18

Junior High Football Co-op: After 3 planning sessions, a parent meeting, and much deliberation, the Sterling School Board approved the proposal for forming a cooperative agreement for Junior High Football with Johnson County Central for the 2017-2018 school year. At the time of making this decision, it is anticipated that there will be II Sterling students participating in Junior High Football next year. Additional work will be done in the coming weeks to layout the specifics of this cooperative agreement. There will be coaching representation from both schools for Junior High Football . Transportation will be provided to and from practice, but specifics won't be known until we know for sure who is going out and what those transportation needs are. Johnson County Central will take the proposed cooperative agreement to their Board of Education in May for consideration and possible approval for the 2017-2018 school year.

2017-2018 Principal: My name is Scott Harrington, my wife's name is Lisa, and we have four children: Elisabeth (6), Hayden (2), Stacie (4), and Andrew (5). I have taught high school Social Studies the last II years at Norris High School. I also coached 7th Grade Football, Assistant Girl's Basketball, and Boy's Golf. My wife Lisa is finishing her third year teaching Business at Norris High School. Previous to Norris, my wife taught at ElmwoodMurdock and Howells. Both Lisa and I are from small towns in central Nebraska and we are excited to become part of the Sterling Community!


## Notes from the Prineipal by Mr. Theobald

I had previously mentioned that our External Team Visit for school accreditation took place on March 21 st and 22nd. Our team was chaired by Dr. Kim Snyder from the Nebraska Department of Education. Upon completion of the visit, the team shared a report that essentially gave us two forms of feedback. The first is what we have done well (commendations) and the second was areas for growth (recommendations). I would like to share with you the exact comments from the external team final report.

## Commendations



- It was very clear through observations and interviews that the success of Sterling Public Schools is the main focus of all stakeholders (administrators, certified and noncertified staff, board members, parents, and students). These stakeholders have all contributed by keeping academic standards high, as evidenced by the district's NeSA and ACT scores.
- Student and parent surveys indicated that students feel challenged in their classes, but also feel that they can be successful.
- The district has added more opportunities for students, such as Southeast Nebraska Career Academy Partnership (SENCAP), Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), expanded dual-credit and other academic options, and organizations such as Future Farmer of America (FFA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).
- The district has added supports to students, such as the Second Chance Breakfast option, the Teammates mentoring program, and a rotating study hall.
- The district has provided a safe and secure environment for its students by adding a security system and process to be in compliance with Rule 10 .
- A strong emphasis on early childhood education and its overall success in the district was mentioned by all stakeholder groups.
- High participation and graduation rates are other commendable areas for the district.


## Recommendations

- More communication is needed between leadership and staff to develop a strategic plan with short-term and long-term goals. This should include a systematic and systemic process which includes input from all staff, for professional development.
- Perceptual data should be gathered on a consistent basis and used to guide the direction of the district with the overall goal of improving student academic success. This data should include yearly student, staff, parents/patrons, and post-graduate surveys.
- A more concentrated effort to address the needs of students at all levels needs to be developed. This should include a formalized written protocol in the Student Assistance Team (SAT) process to identify students for 504 or Special Education services to ensure support for academic success for all students.
- The district should find additional reasons to celebrate students and staff. There are many positives happening in Sterling Public Schools, in addition to the solid NeSA and ACT scores. Celebrating an array of positives in the district would strengthen communication and collaboration amongst all stakeholders, to the betterment of the district.

I feel as if this report presents the school in a very positive light, but also gives us some concrete areas for growth. Overall, I am very pleased with the feedback and feel that this process has provided some validation about the commitment to excellence that is shared by all stakeholders.
As always, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

## GO JETS!!!

| Test Date | Registration <br> Deadline | Late Registration <br> (Fee Required) | Photo Upload <br> Deadline |
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| June 10,2017 | May 5 | May 6-19 | June 2 |

Dylan Benson
College: Morningside
Major: Accounting

## Austin Buss

College: Kansas State University
Major: Engineering
Antonio Corocher
Foreign Exchange Student from Italy
Brandon Daniels
College: Southeast Community College
Major: Automotive Technology
Liset de Haan
Foreign Exchange Student from the Netherlands
Micah Erickson
College: University of Nebraska Lincoln
Major: Mechanized System Management/Ag Technology

## Alisha Fisher

College: Nebraska Wesleyan
Major: Pre-Med/Biology
Jayda Furtado
Army National Guard
College: SCC
Major: Criminal Justice
Mason Gee
College: Peru State
Major: Business Administration \& Management
Sydney Goracke
College: Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
Major: Animal Science/Artificial Insemination

## Seth Harms

Journeyman Electrician Program

Matthew Julian
College: Southeast Community College
Major: General Studies
Valerie Keim
College: University of Nebraska Lincoln
Major: Business Administration
Erica K McDonald
College: Southeast Community College Beatrice
Major: Pre-Health
Jordan Pettigrew
College: Southeast Community College
Major: Criminal Justice
Sydney Porter
College: Southeast Community College Lincoln
Major: Radiology Technician
Nyckalas Rakes Military
Jacob Schwenneker
United States Army
Healthcare Specialist

## Richard Sears

College: Southeast Community College
Major: Criminal Justice
Tinakea Thomas
College: Southeast Community College
Major: Mental Health Psychology
Christopher Vermeer
College: Southeast Community College
Major: GM Mechanic

## Austin Walters

College: Peru State College
Major: Wildlife Ecology

## 2017 Sterling High Alumni Banquet

## Sterling High School Gymnasium

Sunday, May 28th, 2017
5:00PM Social Time 5:30PM Banquet


Advanced Registration, please mail check and this registration form no later than May 23rd to:
*Make checks payable to Sterling Alumni Association*
Sterling Alumni Association
P.O. Box 393

Sterling, NE 68443
Name: $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$
E-mail: $\qquad$
Sterling High Class of: $\qquad$
Number of Advance Meal Tickets: $\qquad$
At $\$ 13.00$ each=\$ $\qquad$
*Tickets available at the door for $\$ 15.00$ *


## Ag Econ Trip To Grand IsLand

The Sterling Ag Econ class took their annual trip to Grand Island to experience the many agricultural career opportunities that might be in the student's future. They also get a firsthand look at the costs associated with farming and why the prices the farmers receive for their commodity is vitally important to their success. We first went to the IHC Combine Factory in Grand Island. This factory is the only one in the world that produces IHC combines and every combine they produce is already ordered by a farmer. It is made to the exact specifications of that individual farmer so every combine is unique. Currently, they are producing about 12 combines each day at a cost of between $\$ 300,000$ to $\$ 500,000$ per combine. The tour took our group from sheet metal to the finished combine that they drove off of the assembly line. The second day we went to the Crop Production Facility of DuPont Pioneer in York. As with the Combine factory, we got a firsthand look at the production of seed corn from the planning stages, planting and harvesting of the corn to the final product of the seed in the bag that farmers purchase. It is no wonder that seed corn is so expensive with all of the steps and quality controls that the seed must encounter on its way to the farmer. Of course we had wonderful food on the trip with the class favorite being Eel Sushi! We would like to thank Greg Carpenter and DuPont Pioneer for assisting in sponsoring our trip and we look forward to another wonderful experience next year. Arlo Wusk Sponsor.



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Sterling FBLA National Competiors
For more information about this event. please contact:

Games include Guitar Her, Mario Kart, 2K Basketball, Wii
Bowling, and a secret game for the championship match

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## Writing Contest Winners

Every year, the fifth grade class enters a writing contest called "What My Mother Means To Me". This year, Dakota Haner was one of ten finalists in the state. Over 150 essays from across Nebraska were judged by Senior College English/Literature/Education majors from Concordia University. Dakota and her mom, Casey, attended a Recognition Ceremony at the State Capital in Lincoln on Friday, March 31 ${ }^{\text {st }}$. She received a plaque and read her essay in the Warner Chamber in front of members of the American Mothers, Inc. Her essay is as follows:

"What My Mother Means To Me" by Dakota Haner
Every night, I tell my mom that I love her and that l'm glad that she is always there for me. Whenever I have a problem, I can always go to my mom and talk to her about it.
My mother is a strong, loving lady. If I don't understand a problem, my mom will make sure I understand it. I can always count on her if I accidently forget my lunch, or trumpet for band.
I always look up to my mom, because she teaches me, and my seven sisters and brother, how to behave and have fun in life. She spends all of her time taking care of us and running to different events. She has a lot of patience, she has to with so many of us.
My mother is the best, because she is full of love, and always has time to give each one of us a hug, and tell us how much we all mean to her.

CONGRATULATIONS Dakota - We are very proud of you!!!

## VFW Writing Contest

The fifth and sixth grade classes also entered the VFW Auxiliary \#822I, Tecumseh writing contest. The name of the contest was "American Symbols".


6th grade: Ist place - Keegan Theobald; 2nd place - Ashly Perkins; 3rd place - Kaylin Smith

We had 3 winners from each class. The first place winners were sent on to compete in the state qualification. There will be a small party for all of the winners when they get that information back.


5th grade: Ist place - Lauren Harms; 2nd place - Amelia Kephart; 3rd place - Nathan Roraback

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our winners!!!
 Friday, June 2nd 1 mile starts at 7PM, 5k starts apprax. 7:3IPM Race will start at the Luke Boldt residence, 60898733 Rd, Sterling NE Free will donation to participate

## 2017 STERLING LADY JETS BB CAMP

| Current Grades: K-5 |
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| 8-9:30AM |
| Skills Camp |

MAY 23-26

| Current Grades: $\mathbf{8}^{\text {th }}-11^{\text {th }}$ |  |
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| 8-9:30AM | 9:30-11AM |
| Summer Offense/Defense | Skills |

Current Grades: $\mathbf{6}^{\text {th }} \mathbf{7}^{\text {th }}$
9:30-11AM
Skills Camp

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 - JOSH PFEIFFER
If you have any questions at all, please contact Coach Pfeiffer - jpfeiffer@sterlingpublicschools.com

Tradition, Fundamentals, and Hard work have led to our Lady Jet success. Come learn to be successful with us!

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
Pioneer Conference - $3^{\text {rd }}$ place
MUDECAS B Division - $3^{\text {rd }}$ place
Weeping Water Holiday Tournament
B Division - Runner Up


## 2017 Sterling Lady Jets BB Camp -- Parent Release Form (Return by May $12^{\text {th }}$ )

I, $\qquad$ , understand that basketball is a physical activity and there is risk Parent/Guardian Name
involved with my daughter participating in the Sterling Jets Basketball Camp. By signing this form, I agree not to hold Sterling Public Schools or anyone associated with the camp responsible for any injuries or damages incurred during her participation at the camp.

Player Name
Child's Current Grade: $\qquad$
Please circle one size:

| Shirt Sizes: | Adult: | Small | Medium | Large | X-Large | XX-Large |
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|  | Youth: | Small | Medium | Large |  |  |

Make checks for $\$ 30$ payable to: LADY JET BASKETBALL - JOSH PFEIFFER
Please return by May $12^{\text {th }}$ if you want a shirt. If you need to pay later and still need a shirt, please contact Coach Pfeiffer - jpfeiffer@sterlingpublicschools.com. Thank you!


These three students recently qualified for the National Leadership Conference June $27^{\text {th }}$ - July $3^{\text {rd }}$ but they need your help! If you would like to help them fund their trip, please mail donations to:

## Sterling FBLA

Attn: Jacob Davenport
250 Main St.
Sterling, NE 68443

| $2017-18$ <br> $(1: 37 \mathrm{PM})$ Dayly Out |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| September | 6 |
| September | 21 |
| October | 4 |
| November | 1 |
| November | 22 |
| December | 6 |
| December | 22 |
| January | 3 |
| February | 8 |
| March | 7 |
| March | 15 (NOON) |
| April | 4 |
| May | 17 |

All donations will go directly to the students' registration, airfare, and hotel. Thank you for your support!

## 4th Grade Lock-In

On March 24th, the 4th graders came back to 3rd grade to celebrate their awesome NeSA scores! They had a lock-in at the school. Games, movies, and popcorn were enjoyed by alll!

Way to go 4th graders!


## 2017 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. <br> Be motivated to learn and improve!!!!!

## Help Keep the Tradition Strong!



## JET PRIDE CAMP - JUNE 5-8

This camp is for CURRENT grades $K-11^{\text {th }}$.

## Mon, June 5 - Thurs, June 8

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: 402-239-38I7

2017 Sterling Jets Basketball Camp -- Parent Release Form (Return by May $18{ }^{\text {th }}$ )
I, $\qquad$ , understand that basketball is a physical activity and there is risk
Parent/Guardian Name
involved with my son participating in the Sterling Jets Basketball Camp. By signing this form, I agree not to hold Sterling Public Schools or anyone associated with the camp responsible for any injuries or damages incurred during his participation at the camp.

Player Name
Child's Current Grade: $\qquad$
Please circle one size:
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Shirt Sizes: } & \text { Adult: } & \text { Small } & \text { Medium } & \text { Large } & \text { X-Large } & \text { XX-Large } \\ & \text { Youth: } & \text { Small } & \text { Medium } & \text { Large } & \end{array}$
Make checks for $\$ 35$ payable to: JET BASKETBALL - ANDY SAATHOFF
Please return by May $18^{\text {th }}$ if you want a shirt. If you need to pay later and still need a shirt, please contact Coach Saathoff: 402-239-38I7 and leave a message if necessary. Thank you!

1 B- Oatmeal OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk

L- Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Applesauce

8 B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk
L- Chicken \& Noodles, WG Bread, Peas, Pears

15 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk

L- Goulash, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Dinner Roll Rice, w/ Jelly, Mixed Fruit Milk

2 B- Yogurt Parfait OR
WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk
L- BBQ Rib Sandwich,
Peas, FF and/or Swt FF, Pineapple Tidbits

9 B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk
L- Tacos, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges

16 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice,

L- Chicken Fajita or Burrito, Peas, WG
oll Rice, Applesauce

WEDNESDAY
Menus are subject to change without notice.
THURSDAY

| Alternate Entrée: Chef |
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| Salad |

4 B- Pancake \& Sausage on a Stick OR Sausage OR WG WG Cereal/WG Cereal/Sausage, Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Fruit/Juice, Milk Milk
L- Nachos, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Peaches

11 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk
L- Submarines, Mixed
Vegetables, Gelatin, Mixed Fruit

18 B- Cook's Choice OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk
L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Pears

FRIDAY
USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Mixed Vegetables, Tator Gems and/or Swt Tator Gems, Mixed Fruit
12 B- Breakfast
Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Mini Corn Dogs, Corn, Baked Beans, Peaches

## SUMMER VACATION!!

## Visitors in the $5^{\text {th }}$ Grade Room



On April $24^{\text {th }}$, the $5^{\text {th }}$ graders had 4 visitors. Denise Wolff brought her 3 dogs in to meet the students. Two of them are Great Pyrenees, Sam and Lady and one Newfoundland, Gus. The dogs and the students loved each other. Denise gave the students some information about the dogs. Great Pyrenees were originally bred to protect sheep in mountains. They are strong built, have a beautiful thick coat, and give unconditional love. They are usually 24 inches to 30 inches in height, and weigh about 85 to 160 pounds. The Newfoundland is a lot like the Great Pyrenees. They were originally bred to pull nets for fishermen. They are strong swimmers, sweet in nature, and very affectionate, especially toward children.
Denise had just given them a haircut and a bath, so they were nice and clean. Gus (the black one) made himself right at

Kindergarten
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WHEN: WeD, May 17 $7^{\text {H/ }}$ @ 2PM
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CLaSS OF 2029 home, and started walking around the room introducing himself to all the kids. He got a lot of attention! All of the students in the elementary got to come to our room and meet the visitors. Everyone enjoyed it, including the dogs. We would like to thank Denise for taking the time to bring them in, and share her information with all of us.


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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | T-HURSDAY | FIRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| April 30 | 1 <br> HS Spring Concert (Small Groups)-7PM in the gym | 2 <br> Freeman HS Track Invite-9AM | 3 <br> K-3rd Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Children's Zoo <br> Pioneer Conf HS Track <br> @ Pawnee City - 9AM | 4 <br> HS Music Concert (Large Groups)-7PM in the gym | 5 <br> All School Assembly - <br> Bob Fisher 9-10AM | 6 <br> Pioneer Conference JH Track Meet @ Pawnee City - 9AM |
|  | 8 <br> Awards Night - 7PM in the gym | 9 | 10 <br> HS District Track Meet 11AM @ Auburn | 11 <br> SENIORS LAST DAY! <br> Video Game Tournament @ 6PM | 12 | $13$ <br> Graduation-4PM in the gym |
| 14 <br> HappYó $\begin{aligned} & \text { MOTHER'S } \\ & \text { DAY! } \end{aligned}$ | ```15 Elementary Spring Concert - 7PM in the gym SCHOOL BOARD MTG. - 8PM``` | $16$ | 17 <br> Kindergarten Graduation-2PM in the gym <br> PreK Graduation 2:30PM in the Park | 18 <br> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! <br> 1:37PM DISMISSAL <br> NO SCHOOL <br> PreK/Kindergarten | 19 <br> Teacher Inservice | $20$ <br> MEET @ OMAHA |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 <br> Elementary Movie Night 7PM |
| 28 | $29$ <br> MEMORIAL DAY | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} 30 & \\ \quad \text { MaryLou's Dance } \\ \quad \text { Recital }-7 \mathrm{PM} \\ \text { Dress Rehearsal } 3-4 \mathrm{PM} \end{array}\right\|$ | 31 | June 1 | 2 | $\underbrace{3}_{\text {G PICNIC }}$ |

## 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 I2-Thursday, June I5 from 9AM-2:30PM with a lunch break from II:30-I2PM. (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-IIAM, I I AM-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.
I. If you live in town (within 1.5 miles of school), you must be 15 by October I5th 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 I5 or will turn I5 before the classroom instruction portion, (June I2-I5), please have you LPD before class starts. It's not required, but will make scheduling our drive times much easier.
I. 2. If you live more than I. 5 miles from school, you must be $I 3$ years old to take Drivers Education. If you are I4 or turn 14 before the classroom instruction portion (June I2-I5), 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 I3, you must turn I4 by October I5 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.
$\qquad$ Yes, my son/daughter, $\qquad$ will be taking summer Drivers Education.
$\qquad$ No, my son/daughter, $\qquad$ will not be taking summer Drivers Education.

Questions: Sterling Public Schools at 402-866-476I or email Iboldt@sterlingpublicschools.com

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