Sterling Public Schools

SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Mr. Knippelmeyer

Last Day of School: Ist -11th grade: Thursday, May 18: 1:37PM 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 15 First day of school K-12
- August 18 No School Johnson County Fair
- August 21 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 2017-2018 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 11 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 Elmwood-Murdock 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 PRINCIPAL by Mr. Theobald

I had previously mentioned that our External Team Visit for school accreditation took place on March 21st 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!!!

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All medication needs to be picked up by a parent by June 9th. All medication left after this date will be disposed of regardless of the expiration date.

2016-2017 ACT TEST DATES

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

MON-THURS / 9AM-3PM

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:









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

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES GRADUATES!

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STERLING	Sunday, May 28th, 2017	STERLING
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	5:30PM Banquet	
Advanced Registratio	on, please mail check and this registration form no	later than May 23rd to
/	Make checks payable to Sterling Alumni Associati	on
	Sterling Alumni Association	
	P.O. Box 393	
	Sterling, NE 68443	
Name:		
Address:		
E-mail:		
	Sterling High Class of:	
	Number of Advance Meal Tickets:	
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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.





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

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 31st. She received a plague 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 I'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.

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

VFW WRITING CONTEST

The fifth and sixth grade classes also entered the VFW Auxiliary #8221, Tecumseh writing contest. The name of the contest was "American Symbols".



6th grade: 1st 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: 1st place - Lauren Harms; 2nd place - Amelia Kephart; 3rd place - Nathan Roraback

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our winners!!!



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2017 STERLING LADY JETS BB CAMP

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

MAY 23 - 26

Current Grades: 8th-11th 8-9:30AM 9:30-11AM Summer Offense/Defense Skills **Current Grades: 6th-7**th 9:30-11AM Skills Camp

MAY 31 - JUNE 2

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 <u>\$30 per camper</u>, 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!

<u>TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:</u> Pioneer Conference - 3rd place MUDECAS B Division - 3rd place Weeping Water Holiday Tournament B Division - Runner Up



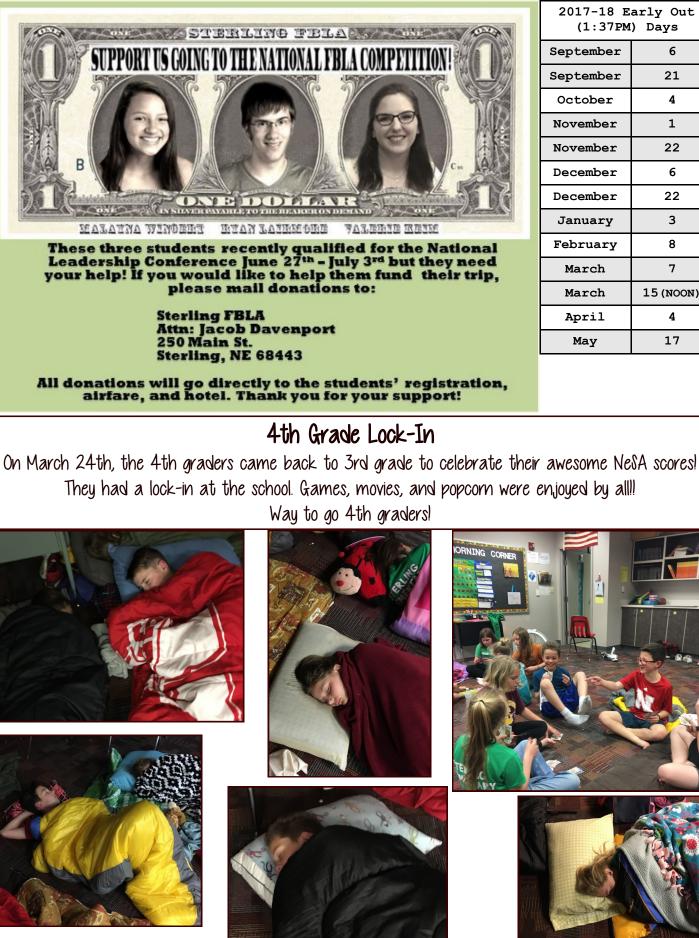
2017 Sterling Lady Jets BB Camp -- Parent Release Form (Return by May 12th)

I.

_____, 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	Pai	Parent/Guardian Signature			Date	
Child's Current Grad	le:					
Please circle one size: <u>Shirt Sizes</u> :	<u>Adult</u> :	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	XX-Large
	<u>Youth</u> :	Small	Medium	Large		
Make checks for \$30 pa Please return by May I Pfeiffer - jpfeiffer@ster	2 th if you wa	ant a shirt. If you	need to pay later			ntact Coach



2017-18 Early Out (1:37PM) Days September 6 September 21 October 4 1 November November 22 December 6 December 22 3 January February 8 7 March March 15 (NOON) April 4 17 May

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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.

Be motivated to learn and improve!!!!!

Help Keep the Tradition Strong!



JET PRIDE CAMP - JUNE 5 - 8

This camp is for CURRENT grades K-11th.

Current Grades 7th through 11th <u>Current Grades</u> K through 6th

Mon, June 5 - Thurs, June 8

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 **<u>\$35 per camper</u>**, 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

2017 Sterling Jets Basketball Camp -- Parent Release Form (Return by May 18th)

I,

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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.

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Child's Current Grad	le:					
Please circle one size: <u>Shirt Sizes</u> :	<u>Adult</u> : <u>Youth</u> :	Small Small	Medium Medium	Large Large	X-Large	XX-Large

Make checks for \$35 payable to: **JET BASKETBALL - ANDY SAATHOFF**

Please return by May 18th if you want a shirt. If you need to pay later and still need a shirt, please contact Coach Saathoff: 402-239-3817 and leave a message if necessary. Thank you!

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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.		
 1 B- Oatmeal OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Applesauce 	2 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- BBQ Rib Sandwich, Peas, FF and/or Swt FF, Pineapple Tidbits	Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk	4 B- Pancake & Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Nachos, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Peaches	5 B- Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR WG Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Mixed Vegetables, Tator Gems and/or Swt Tator Gems, Mixed Fruit		
8 B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken & Noodles, WG Bread, Peas, Pears	9 B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges	10 B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt FF, Tomatoes, Applesauce	 11 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Submarines, Mixed Vegetables, Gelatin, Mixed Fruit 	12 B- Breakfast Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Mini Corn Dogs, Corn, Baked Beans, Peaches		
 15 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Goulash, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Mixed Fruit 	16 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Fajita or Burrito, Peas, WG Rice, Applesauce	 17 B- Sausage Gravy over WG Biscuits OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Cook's Choice, Corn, Tator Gems and/or Swt Tator Gems, Peaches 	 18 B- Cook's Choice OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Pears 	SUMMER VACATION!!!		

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Visitors in the 5th Grade Room



On April 24th, the 5th 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.



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Denise had just given them a haircut and a bath, so they were nice and clean.



Gus (the black one) made himself right at 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.



Mother's Day	SATURDAY	6 Pioneer Conference JH Track Meet @ Pawnee City - 9AM	13 Action - 4PM in the gym	20	НS STATE TRACK MEET @ ОМАНА	27 Elementary Movie Night 7PM	3 STERLING PICNIC
NHOR	FRIDAY	5 All School Assembly Bob Fisher 9-10AM	5	19 Teacher Inservice		26	2 STERLII
	VAURSDAY	4 HS Music Concert (Large Groups) - 7PM in the gym	11 SENIORS LAST DAY: Video Game Tournament @ 6PM	18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!! 1:37PM DISMISSAL NO SCHOOL PreK/Kindergarten	<	25	June 1
	WEDNESDAY	3 K-3rd Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Children's Zoo Pioneer Conf HS Track @ Pawnee City - 9AM	10 HS District Track Meet - SENIORS LAST DAY: 11AM @ Auburn Video Game Tournament @ 6PM	17 Kindergarten Graduation - 2PM in the gym PreK Graduation - 2:30PM in the Park	SEMESTER TESTING	24	20
	TUESDAY	2 Freeman HS Track Invite - 9AM	6	16	~	23	30 MaryLou's Dance Recital - 7PM Dress Rehearsal 3-4PM
Ingratulations	MONDAY	1 HS Spring Concert (Small Groups) - 7PM in the gym	8 Awards Night - 7PM in the gym	15 Elementary Spring Concert - 7PM in the gym SCHOOL BOARD MTG. - 8PM		22	29 MEMORIAL DAY ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ***** ****
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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-IIAM, IIAM-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.

- 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 you LPD before class starts. It's not required, but will make scheduling our drive times much easier.
- 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



Superintendent <u>Ryan</u> Knippelmeyer

K-12 Principal Activities Director Ryun Theobald

Guidance Counselor Addie Heusman

Athletic Director Brent Heusman



DON'T FORGET...

- May I HS Music Concert (Small Groups)
- May 4 HS Music Concert (Large Groups)
- May 8 Awards Night
- May II SENIORS LAST DAY
- May 13 Graduation
- May I4 Mother's Day
- May 15 Elementary Spring Concert SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
- May 16-18 Semester Testing
- May 17 PreK & Kindergarten Graduation
- May 18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 1:37PM DISMISSAL NO SCHOOL PreK & Kindergarten
- May 19-20 HS State Track Meet
- May 29 Memorial Day

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

HAVE A SAFE SUMMER!!!