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## Superintendent Notes by Mr. Knippelmeyer

Board of Education Highlights: The board of education held its regular meeting on October 11. Mr. Craig Jones, with First National Capital Markets, presented on shortterm funding possibilities available to the district in regard to future building projects. The board approved updates to four district policies. John Harms and Cheri Wirthele were recognized for their achievements with the Nebraska Association of School Boards. The board also discussed a letter from Lewiston Community Schools in regard to possible athletic cooperative agreements in the future.


Fall Athletic Season: I would like to recognize our volleyball and football teams, coaches and players for their work and dedication this fall. The final records may not have been where we'd hoped, but the work ethic and commitment by both athletes and coaches, was always there. Thank you to our seniors who have finished up their high school careers in football and volleyball!

In looking at next year, we know we will potentially face some challenges, participation wise, in football (graduating 8 seniors will leave a big gap in our program). Next year, we are in the second year of the 2 -year scheduling cycle put together by the NSAA and are expected to fulfill that 8 -man football schedule. Based on the participation numbers we had this year and incoming $8^{\text {th }}$ graders, we are looking at around 1l-12 students out for football next year. The possibility of injury / eligibility could potentially reduce that number as well. As we've shared previously, participation, especially in football, may force us to look at other alternatives in order to successfully field a team in the future. We have the enrollment numbers for both boys and girls in high school, but a decrease in participation numbers may force us to look for other options in order to have a football team in the future.

As you read in the board summary above, we are not the only school who has seen a decrease in participation in football and other neighboring schools are looking at options to address these concerns. We will be looking at all possibilities in thinking about the future and finding ways to give our students and athletes the best possible opportunities to participate and be successful. If you have questions, comments, feedback in regard to this topic, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Knippelmeyer or Mr. Theobald to discuss.

Sterling Elementary School held its annual meeting to develop our parent involvement policy and to review parent rights under Title I and other information September 22, 2016. The Title I district-wide parent involvement policy was reviewed this past July, and will be reviewed again on an annual basis.

If you have questions about this information, please feel free to contact Mr. Knippelmeyer or Mr. Theobald. Please continue to work with us to make sure that we achieve success for every student.


> 2016-17 EARLY Out (1:37PM) DAYS DEC 7 - FEB 1-MAR 1-APR 5

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## Principle Notes by Mr. Theobald

NeSA Scores. Last month I included an update on the NeSA results from the 2015-16 school year. I did not include the writing scores as they were not officially available at the time the newsletter was completed. Below are our scores for the NeSA-W from this past school year. These scores represent the percentage of students who are either meeting or exceeding the expected standard.


## NeSA-W (Writing)

| Grade 4 |  | Grade 8 |  | Grade 11 |  |
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| 90 | 69 | 82 | 70 | 77 | 71 |

Elementary Recess. Just a reminder that as we transition to colder weather, our practice has been to hold recess outside as long as the outside air temperature/wind chill is above 25 degrees Fahrenheit. Please make sure that your student(s) have appropriate clothing for outside recess when they come to school.

Veteran's Day Program. Sterling Public Schools will be holding their annual Veteran's Day Program on Friday, November llth. The program will be held in the gymnasium beginning at 9:15 a.m. The program is open to the public and I encourage everyone to attend if you are available. This is a great opportunity to honor all of those people who have served our great country.

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


CONGRATS to the 2016 Homecoming King Seth Harms \& Queen Sydney Goracke Court:

Alisha Fisher \& Micah Erickson Jayda Furtado \& Dylan Benson

## Second Grade News:

It's hard to believe we have already finished the first quarter of the school year. On Oct. 11th we went to the Roca Pumpkin Patch. Many activities were enjoyed and everyone was able to pick just the right pumpkin to bring home. Mr. Salberg showed us how to make apple cider with his own apple press. He demonstrated and explained how the apple press works. The apple cider was delicious! We are happy to welcome Colt Little who has joined our class this year.
Mrs. McAuliffe

(students receiving an overall average of $93 \%$ or above, with no grade lower than 90\%)

(students receiving an overall average of $90 \%$ or above, with no grade lower than 85\%)

| 7th grade: | I Ith grade: <br> Benjamin Hier |
| :---: | :---: |
| Samuel Agena | Sheanna Stolz |
| Tanner McDonald | I 2th grade: |
| Abigail Thies | Dylan Benson |
| Riley Vermeer | Liset deHaan |
| 8th grade: | Alisha Fisher |
| Emma Harms | Mason Gee |
| Jessie Klein | Sydney Goracke |
| Macie Whalen | Valerie Keim |
| I0th grade: |  |

Morgan Haner
Sydney Huls
Logan Jasa


Cameron VanGroningen

## Fifth \& Sixth Grade News

At the end of last year, the $5^{\text {th }}$ and $6^{\text {th }}$ graders entered a writing contest through the VFW/AUX. Post \#8221 of Tecumseh. They all had to write a $250-300$ word essay titled, "Our Veterans". We had a $1^{\text {st }}$ place winner in $5^{\text {th }}$ grade, Gracyn Dolbow. Her essay was sent on to the state level and she received $2^{\text {nd }}$ place in the state. Congratulations Gracyn!!! Her essay is attached below.
By Ms. Kate

## Our Veterans

Every morning, I say the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge is a tribute to our country's veterans. When we say the Pledge, we make a promise to the flag. The U.S. flag is red, white, and blue with stars in the corner. The stars represent the fifty states. In those fifty states we have the freedom to live life the way we want.
I just want to say thanks to the American veterans and our whole nation. My whole family is grateful for the veterans risking their lives every day, so we can go to work and buy a home. Not every veteran has a home so when I say risking their life to save ours, I mean that is what they are doing when they go to war. Veterans are the bravest people I know.
My family knows veteran are the bravest people ever, because my grandpa is a veteran. He is the coolest person ever, or at least I think so. Sometimes he tells me stories about the time he served. When he's telling his stories, I always start to feel patriotic. Even though he is the bravest person I know, my love for him is greater now that I know how brave he is.
Every veteran fights for our freedom, but not everybody uses that freedom correctly. This essay is just about how to honor our veterans, and how my family says thank you to our veterans. From our family, we say a special thank you to grandpa.
I will forever be thankful for what the veterans do.


## Visiting Tele-Care ${ }_{\text {вy M }}$. Kate

On October 19, 2016 the fifth grade class went down to the Senior Center. Every morning the fifth-graders call the people on the tele-care list to make sure they are doing alright. This is an important job for the students. They not only learn telephone skills, they learn communication skills and caring about the people in their community. The students get to meet the people they call every morning. This way they get to put a face to a voice, and so do the people we call. The students really enjoyed it, especially all the goodies Doris Behrens supplied for them. The first question they asked me was, "When do we get to go back? That was so much fun!" It was very enjoyable


Our 5th Grade Class with Bonnie Schiebur, LarryMcAuliffe, Wilma Nieveen, and Darlene Schuster. Norma Eilers not pictured.

## 201g-17 Sterling High Basketball Schedule <br> 

DATE
Nov. 26
Dec. 2
Dec. 4
Dec. 6
Dec. 9
Dec. 13
Dec. 16
Dec. 20
Dec. 29-30
Jan. 3
Jan. 5
Jan. 6
Jan. 9-14
Jan. 17
Jan. 20
Jan. 24
Jan. 27
Jan. 30-Feb. 4
Feb. 7
Feb. 10
Feb. 13-16
Feb. 17
Feb. 20-23
Feb. 24
Feb. 28
March 2-4
March 9-II

DAY
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Mon.-Thur. Boys Subdistricts
Friday Girls District Final
Tuesday Boys District Final
Thur.-Sat. Girls State Tourn.
Thur.-Sat. Boys State Tourn.

PLACE
Lincoln 5:00
Sterling $\quad$ 4:00
Hebron 2:00
Friend 4:30
Sterling $\quad$ 4:00
Sterling $\quad$ 4:00
Sterling $\quad$ 4:00
Palmyra 5:45
) Weeping Water I:00
Sterling $\quad 4: 00$

Dorchester 4:30
Sterling $\quad$ 4:00
Beatrice TBA
Cedar Bluffs 6:00
Sterling 4:00
Nebraska City 4:30
Sterling 4:00
Johnson-Brock/Sterling TBA
Adams 6:00
Tri County $\quad 4: 00$
TBA TBA

Adams 6:15
TBA TBA
TBA TBA
TBA TBA
Lincoln
Lincoln
TBA

Updated November 2nd 2016
This schedule is subject to change. All games are JV Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Girls, \& Varsity Boys unless otherwise noted.

## 9/10 Basketball Schedule 2016-17

| DAY | DATE | O |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Thursday | Dec 8 | @ |
| Saturday | Dec 10 | @ |
| Monday | Dec 12 | @ |
| Monday | Jan 23 | @ |
| Thursday | Jan 26 | Fa |
| Monday | Feb 6 | Fa |
| Saturday | Feb 11 | @ |

OPPONENT
@ Lincoln Christian
@ HTRS Tournament (G \& B)
@ Beatrice
@ Johnson-Brock (G \& B)
Falls City
Falls City Sacred Heart
@ Lewiston JV Tourn. (G \& B)

TIME
7:00
9:00 AM
6:30
6:30
7:00
7:00
8:00 AM

## JUNior High Boys Basketball 2016-17

| $\underline{\text { DAY }}$ | $\underline{\text { DATE }}$ | $\underline{\text { OPPONENT }}$ | PLACE | TIME |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Tuesday | Nov 15 | Johnson-Brock | Away | $4: 00$ |
| Saturday | Nov 19 | HTRS Tournament | Away | $9: 00$ |
| Tuesday | Nov 22 | Diller-Odell | Home | $\mathbf{1 : 0 0}$ |
| Monday | Nov 28 | Freeman Tournament | Away | $4: 00$ |
| Wednesday | Nov 30 | Pawnee City | Away | 2:00 |
| Tuesday | Dec 6 | HTRS | Home | 2:00 |
| Thursday | Dec 8 | Falls City Tournament | Away | 3:45 |
| Monday | Dec 12 | Lewiston Tournament | Away | $4: 30$ |
| Wednesday | Dec 14 | Freeman | Away | $1: 00$ |



Nov 16-Pioneer Conf @ NCL Nov 22 - Comp @ Lewiston Nov 28 - Performance in Gym Nov 30 - Districts @ Meridian

## UNL, UNO \& UNK FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Students who plan to attend any of the University of Nebraska campuses, UNL, UNO, or UNK, should plan to take the ACT no later than the December 10, 2016 test date. Registration for the December ACT is November 4, 2016. November 5-18, 2016 is the late registration deadline.


Complete the Freshmen Scholarship application and the UNL college application on-line before January 15, 2017.

The deadline for UNK Board of Regents Scholarship, the UNK Chancellors Scholarship and Deans Scholarship is February 1, 2017. Please watch the calendar for scholarship dates and LOPERS deadlines.

NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES OFFER FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS
The Nebraska State College System offers two system wide scholarships available for use at Chadron, Peru, or Wayne State colleges.

Board of Trustees' Scholarship provides full-tuition scholarships for Nebraska high school graduates who score a 25 or above on their ACT or 1700 on the SAT and plan to attend college the following fall. The renewable scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-18 academic year.

Deadline: January 15, 2017. (Wayne State New Student Scholarship deadline is December 1st.)
Governor's Opportunity Award provides half of the tuition costs for Nebraska high school graduates who score between 21 and 24 on the ACT or between 1500 and 1650 on the SAT and plan to attend college the following fall. The renewable scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-18 academic year.
Deadline January 15, 2017.
More information on these scholarships can be found at the respective college websites listed:
Chadron State: www.csc.edu/scholarships
Peru: www.peru.edu/admissions/cost-aid
Wayne State: www.wsc.edu/scholarships


## RHOP-RURAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM Peru State College \& Wayne State College

RHOP provides a tuition waiver and guaranteed admission to the University of Nebraska Medical Center upon successful completion of pre-professional studies at Peru State or Wayne State colleges.

Students who are planning to attend Peru State College and are looking into the areas of: Pharmacy, Nursing, Physicians Assistant, Physical Therapist, Radiology, or Medical Laboratory Science should submit an online application at www.peru.edu/rhop.

Students who are planning to attend Wayne State College and are looking into the areas of: Clinical Laboratory Science, Dental Hygiene, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Physician’s Assistant or Radiography should submit an online application at www.wsc.edu/rhop.

Registration Deadline: Nov. 15, 2016

## WINNING THE

 SCHOLARSHIP GAMEJuniors and Seniors - follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:
\$ Don't pay for scholarship searches! Use free search sites including ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org where you'll find over 2,000 state and local awards.
\$ Get organized. Place scholarship applications in deadline order and prioritize each award. Local and college-specific scholarships deserve top priority because you're more likely to earn them.
\$ Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores by taking the exams in the spring of your junior year and again the fall of your senior year.
\$ Use quality references such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advance notice and a specific deadline.
\$ Get an early start on essays. Describe your interests, hopes for the future, and leadership abilities, but be sure to tailor your essay to the scholarship topic.
\$ Pay close attention to grammar and spelling. Ask at least two people to proofread your application.


GRADUATION IS SATURDAY, May 13 at 4:OO P.M.

## NOVEMBER "TO DO" LIST FOR SENIORS

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). It's earlier this year, and you can use 2015 tax information!
$\checkmark$ Contact your top college choices about admissions, scholarships, and financial aid deadlines.
$\sqrt{ }$ Register by November 4, 2016 for the December 10, 2016 ACT test date.
$\checkmark$ Visit your top two to three colleges of choice.


## COLLEGE VISITS

Seniors, if you haven't visited your top college choices, you need to do this SOON as the application deadlines are fast approaching. See your counselor about setting up a visit or, as with many colleges, they are requiring you to set them up online. Generally, a week or even two weeks in advance are needed to set up a visit. Follow these tips for a successful visit.
Check out the college web site before your visit. Most college sites have a section for prospective students where you can learn about the school's admissions process, types of majors, student services, and employment opportunities.
Visit while school is in session. You won't get the true flavor during breaks or finals week.
Get a "feel" for the campus. Hang out in the student union, find coffee shops with wireless internet access, eat in a restaurant close to campus or attend athletic or cultural events.
Request a guided tour with a current student. Find out what current students are passionate about and what they complain about.

Ask LOTS of questions!

## 2016-2017 ACT TEST DATES

| Test Date | Registration <br> Deadline* | Late Registration <br> Period* <br> (Late Fee Required) | Photo Upload <br> Deadline** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| December 10, 2016 | November 4 | November 5-18 | December 2 |
| February 11,2017 | January 13 | January 14-20 | February 3 |
| April 8,2017 | March 3 | March 4-17 | March 31 |
| June 10,2017 | May 5 | May 6-19 | June 2 |


| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | RSDAY | FRIDAY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal. | B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <br> L- Nachos w/ Chees Sauce or Bean Dip, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges | 2 <br> B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Hamburger, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Peaches | 3 <br> B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit, Milk <br> L- Vegetable Beef Soup, Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Breadsticks, Applesauce | 4 <br> B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Pizza, Green Beans, Three Bean Salad, Pears |
| B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas, Mandarin Oranges | 8 <br> B- Omelet, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <br> L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Tator Gems and/or Swt. Tator Gems, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Applesauce | 9 <br> B- Sausage Gravy, WG Biscuit OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Chicken Noodle Soup, PB\&J Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Peaches | 10 <br> B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <br> L- Tacos, Corn, Celery w/ PB, Pears | II <br> B- WG French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Goulash, Green Beans, WG Dinner Rolls w/ Jelly, Pineapple Tidbits |
| 14 <br> B- Breakfast Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- BBQ Rib on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Mixed Vegetables, Pears | I5 <br> B- WG Waffles, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit, Milk <br> L- Submarines, Green Beans, Gelatin, Peaches | 16 <br> B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Chili Soup w/ Cheese, WG Cinnamon Roll, Lettuce Salad, Applesauce | 17 <br> B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit, Milk L- Turkey \& Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits | 18 <br> B- Oatmeal OR WG <br> Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Beef \& Noodles, Peas, Bread \& Margarine, Mandarin Oranges |
| 21 <br> B- Pancake \& Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Breadsticks, Peaches | 22 <br> B- Omelet, WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <br> L- Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Applesauce | 23 <br> B- Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR WG Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges | 24 <br> NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DA | 25 <br> NO SCHOOL <br> THANKSGIVING BREAK |
| 28 <br> B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk <br> L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Pineapple Tidbits | 29 <br> B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <br> L- Tomato Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Applesauce | 30 <br> B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit, Milk <br> L- Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Peaches | Menus are subject to change without notice. <br> USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. | Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad <br> Milk served with every meal. |


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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| October 30 | $\begin{gathered} 31 \text { County Government } \\ \text { Day - Juniors } \end{gathered}$ | Lifetouch Picture Retakes 8:15AM | EARLY OUT 1:37PM | CLASS Leadership Training VB District Finals | $\begin{gathered} 4 \text { Middle School Dance } \\ 7: 30-10 \text { PM } \end{gathered}$ | 5 |
| VB SUB-DISTRICTS @ AUBURN |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back | 7 <br> Pioneer Conf Vocal Music Clinic - Concert 7PM @ Friend |  | 9 <br> Band Booster Meeting @ 6:30PM in the band room | 10 | 11 <br> NO SCHOOL - PreK <br> Veterans Day Program @ 9:15AM | 12 |
|  |  |  |  | STATE VB TOURNAMENT @ LINCOLN |  |  |
| 13 | 14 1st Day of BB Practice | $\underbrace{15} \text { JH BBB @ Johnson- }$ | 16 <br> Pioneer Conf One Act Play @ NCL-9AM | MID QUARTER <br> UNL Math Day <br> HS Sportsmanship Summit @ Midland (Fremont) | 18 | $\begin{gathered} 19 \text { HTRS JH BBB } \\ \text { Tournament - } 9 \text { AM } \end{gathered}$ |
| 20 | FB State Finals (D1/D2/A) <br> SCHOOL BOARD MEETING-7:30PM | 22 <br> FB State Finals (C2/C1/B) <br> JH BBB vs. Diller-Odell- <br> HOME-1PM <br> One Act Play Competition @ Lewiston-7PM | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 23 \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { EARLY OUT - } \\ 1: 37 P M \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 24 <br> NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING DAY | 25 <br> NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK | 26 <br> HS BBB Jamboree @ Lincoln Christian 5PM |
| 27 | 28 <br> Freeman JH BB Tour-nament-4PM One Act Play - 7PM in the gym | 29 | 30 <br> District One Act Play @ Meridian <br> JH BBB @ Pawnee City -2PM | December 1 | G/B BB vs. FCSH HOME - 4PM (4 games) | 3 <br> G/B BB @ Thayer Central-2PM (4 games) |



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We will be selling at home games \& will be happy to take orders Thanks for your support!

Sterling Post Prom

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Brent Heusman

## DON'T FORGET...



November 2
November 4
November 6
November 8
November 10-12
November II

November $14 \quad$ First Day of Basketball Practice
November 17
November 21
November 23
November 24-25

EARLY OUT - I:37PM
Middle School Dance
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Election Day
State Volleyball Tournament
No School - PreK
Veterans Day Program

Mid-Quarter
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
EARLY OUT - I:37PM
NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

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: @spsjetpride!!!

