

October 2015

Superintendent Notes by Mr. Knippelmeyer



School is off and running, students are learning in the classroom, and activities are in full swing! With each newsletter I will highlight activity from the previous school board meeting.

The board of education held a budget workshop on September 2nd to discuss planned expenditures, revenue allocations, and future projects for the upcoming school year and beyond. The board is very cognizant of the valuation increases in our district and the reliance that schools have on property taxes. The certified assessed valuation for the Sterling school district went from \$240,030,859 to \$285,042,508, an increase of 18.7%. The district's fiscal goals are to continue to provide quality, progressive education while remaining financially prudent on behalf of the taxpayers who support public education. Additional important information to know is that as a school district, we are no longer an equalized district, which means we do not receive state aid. For the 2015-16 school years, that means a loss of \$800,000 in funding from the state. Going forward, as a district we need to plan on being a non-equalized district, which means no state aid. If the state aid formula remains as it is, we would need to see a dramatic increase in student enrollment, or property valuations will need to drop dramatically in order for us to receive state aid. As we worked through the budget process, the board set goals and approved educational direction for the schools' administration to follow in the upcoming school year.

During the September 16th school board meeting, the board of education voted to approve the 2015-16 budget and property tax request. The general fund levy is set at \$.855751, the special building fund levy is set at \$.050293, the bond fund is set at \$.063786, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund is set at \$.026044. We would like to thank our community members and patrons for your support of our school system! Other action items taken during the board meeting included: approval for the administration to solicit bids for new bleachers in the gym and approval for the administration to solicit bids to replace our current phone system and teacher computers.

STUDENT AND ADULT CONDUCT AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: We want all of our students, parents, teachers, and community members to have an enjoyable experience as you cheer on the Jets at different school activities. We are asking for your help in making this an enjoyable experience for all. All spectators that attend our different activities are asked to sit and watch the games or stand in such a manner that it does not interfere with others viewing the game.

We are asking parents to help monitor their children and have them watch the game with you and/or their friends. Children should not be running the halls or playing games on the stage. We are all here to cheer on the Jets and our students and children are expected to be in the stands cheering on the Jets too. If students are found to be running the halls they will be asked to return to their seats and their parents.

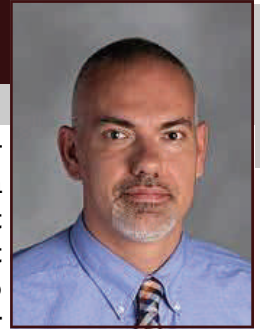
As it states on our athletic programs...Let the players play, the coaches coach, the officials officiate, the spectators be positive, and let's all be committed to excellence! Thank you for helping us make our activity and athletic events an enjoyable experience for all. **Go Jets!**

MARCHING BAND EVENTS

October 16th - Homecoming in Sterling

If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call at school or email me at arenninger@sterlingpublicschools.com.

Principle Notes by Mr. Theobald



Visitors to School. Sterling Public schools openly welcomes parents and family members to make visits to school. All that we ask is that everyone communicates with the teacher and office personnel prior to the visit. This is a courtesy to make sure that the visit will work into the classroom schedule. There are also other times when past graduates like to stop in. We will continue to allow this, but they will not be allowed to visit classrooms just to hang out as this can be a disruption to instruction. If former students would like to visit with a former teacher during their plan period, this would be the best option.

Doctors Notes. Last year was a very good year as far as parents providing notes for their students' absences. Providing this documentation really helps the office staff as well as myself keep accurate attendance records. It would be greatly appreciated if parents would continue providing notes for all medical visits again this year.

Early-Out Schedule. Since we have adopted a new early-out schedule, I thought it would be beneficial to inform everyone as to what our staff has been doing and what they will be doing for the first semester dates. Here is a brief synopsis:

September 9th - budget sharing session and suicide prevention training.

October 7th - Digital Citizenship presentation by the KSB Law Firm.

November 4th - School Improvement meetings and NeSA-ELA transition updates

December 2nd - curriculum alignment based on the newly adopted math standards. In

order to maximize our time, grades PK-6 will NOT be in session this day, however, grades 7-12 will have their scheduled 1:37 p.m. dismissal.

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

GO JETS!!!

FLU: The flu season will soon be upon us. The Southeast District Health Department has their "Vaccine for Children"(VFC) Flu Vaccine supply. The CDC recommends getting the flu vaccine as soon as it is available. (See www.sedhd.org for the immunization clinic hours.) In addition to the injectable flu vaccine for six months and older, this year we will offer the Flu Mist. The Flu Mist will cover four different types of virus. There is a theory that the mist is twice as effective in children ages 2-5 years of age. As with all vaccines, a screening must be done prior to receiving Flu Mist. One of the requirements for flu mist is to be between 2- 49 years of age with no history of asthma. (VFC can only treat well children to their 19th Birthday) Reminder: You can not get the flu from a flu vaccine. Contact the Southeast District Health Dept. at 877-777- 0424 or 402-274-3993 for more information.

2015-16 SCHEDULE



We will have a regular
M-F schedule
(8AM-3:37PM) with the
first Wed a month out at
1:37PM (Sept-April) for
school improvement.

Wednesday Early Out
Days:

Oct 7 Nov 4
Dec 2 Jan 6
Feb 3 March 2
April 6

ACT TEST DATES 2015-16

Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	Sept. 19 - Oct. 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7-20, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9-15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5-18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016

Living History Day

On September 11th, the fifth and sixth graders went on a field trip to Table Rock for Living History Day. They started the day out talking about the events that happened on September 11, 2001. The American Legion did the Raising of the Colors, we all said the Pledge of Allegiance, and then they lowered the flag to half mast to honor those who perished during 9-11.



They again had several presentations throughout the day, and here are a few of the student's favorites. The first one was David Seay. He talked to the students about different musical instruments used in Native American villages. The first instrument was a yak. It was used for signaling or warning people in the village of danger. It all depended on the sound, if it was for a signal or for a warning. He told them when people moved from place to place, they took their

music with them. He played the song, "Give Me A Home Where the Buffalo Roam," on a saw. He also played different types of whistles with different sounds. He played the song, "I've Been Working on the Railroad," with 2 whistles at once. He told the students the Native Americans would go out into nature and try to copy the sounds they heard. One of the student's favorite instruments were the rattles, because he had one made out of a turtle shell and they all think they can make one. Good Luck with that parents!! He told us the Native Americans would take whatever they could find, including bones, to play music.



We also got to see a 1916 steam engine, which cost \$2,000 back then. Farmers would go together to buy one, take turns and help each other combine their crops. They also had a 1928 Case Thrashing machine. The straw that went through this machine was used for things like stuffing mattresses.

Bob Wolffe, from Sterling, was there with his Stationary Baler. Back then, they had to hand wire the bales, which Bob demonstrated. These machines were very dangerous to start, because there were no belts, or protective gear covering anything.

Mr. Chris Salberg was also a demonstrator. He talked to us about the old print shop that was in Table Rock for years. He explained all the steps they had to take to make a newspaper and how much work and time it took. The kids always like that one, mostly because of Mr. Salberg being there. Plus, he does a great job of explaining all of the machines and how they worked.

The day was filled with many other presentations and lots of learning. All the presenters do a great job!!

Ms. Kate - 5th & Mr. Boldt - 6th





Hosted by Post Prom Parents

Friday, October 16, 2015 -
Homecoming

5:30 pm Until Gone

Free Will Donation

Hamburgers or Pork Patty, Chips,
and Dessert



Go Jets!!

Phone List

Aug 2015

“My Country America”**Elementary**

Jenna Sedivy	134
Anne Wohlers	140
Sara Hier	119
Tammy McAuliffe	109
Annie Ahrens	104
Angie Durlinger	105
Kate Agena	112
Luke Boldt	111
Harold Richardson	115

High School

John Cockerill	106
Jake Davenport	122
Renae Kinney (library)	107
Brent Heusman	114
Stan Karr	108
Jodi Krause	121
Angel Renninger	120
Stan Raetz	118
Chris Salberg	141
Michelle Salberg	116
Jill Shea	113
Freedom Steele	117
Teresa Trauernicht	110
Sandy Weyers	123
Emilia Woepfel	128
Arlo Wusk	124

Administration

Ryan Knippelmeyer	102
Ryun Theobald	103

Office

Stephanie Parde	101
Tammy Lee Fatino	100
Extra	127

Kitchen/Denise

126

Boys' Locker Room

115

Mechanical Room (basement)

125

Speech Room

132

Weight Room

130

Last spring, the fifth and sixth grades entered a writing contest titled, “My Country America.” It was an assignment for both classes. I received word from JoAnn Yates, President of the VFW #8221 in Tecumseh, that two of my students won 1st and 2nd in the district. They were sent in to the state level, and they won 1st and 2nd at the state level. First place winner was Jessie Klein in the 6th grade and Second place was Ella Wingert in 5th grade. The girls received a certificate of participation and money for winning. We enter this contest each year and I encourage the other classes to do the same. It is great practice and exciting for them to win. Congratulations girls!

5th and 6th grade

- Ms. Kate

SHOUT OUTS...

Doane Math Day:

The Extreme Challenge team of Manfre Scattoni, Erika Goracke, & Hannah Jasa received 2nd place out of 18 teams!!!

FFA District Range Judging Contest:

Mae Stark placed 6th and Mark Stark placed 13th, each in their own divisions!

The team of Heidi Eckhardt, Mae Stark, and Mark Stark placed 10th! Joel Rathe, Diego Sterkel, Ryan Lairmore, and Trey Menagh placed 23rd as a team in that same division!

In the senior division, Micah Erickson, Thomas Tucker, Erika Eckhardt, and Elly Lempka placed 10th while Alisha Fisher, Seth Harms, Sydney Goracke, and Katie McDonald placed 12th!

WAY TO GO KIDS! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**Booster Club**

Will be selling Sterling Jet Apparel at all home Varsity ball games. Be sure to stop by and check out the new apparel. Visit our website:

www.artfxscreenprinting.com/sterling

Picture Retake Day

Monday,
October 19, 2015

Pictures
will begin
at 8:15AM



**2014-15 Yearbooks
are here!**

Visit Mr. Davenport to pick yours up
today!

Make sure to get a jump start on this
year by purchasing the 2015-16
yearbook book!

BOO AT THE PARK

Saturday,
October 31
From 6-8PM



**SPONSORED BY THE
STERLING BOOSTER CLUB**

PLAY PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 27 	Sept. 28 Block Sec #1 7:20	Sept. 29 NO SCHOOL	Sept. 30 NO SCHOOL	Oct. 1 NO PRACTICE	2 NO PRACTICE	3
4	5 Block Sec #1 7:20	6 Block #2 7:30	7 Run 1-2 7:20	8 Block #3 7:30	9 Block #3 7:30	10
11	12 NO PRACTICE	13 NO PRACTICE	14 Block #4 7:30	15 Run 1-4 7:20	16 Block #5 7:20	17
18	19 Block #6 7:30	20 Block #6 7:30	21 Run 4-6 7:30	22 Block #7 7:20	23 Block #8 7:20	24
25	26 Run 7-8 7:30	27 Block #9 7:30	28 Block #9 7:30	29 Run 4-9 7:20	30 Run 1-3 7:30	31

Two unexcused practices could result in recasting.





OCTOBER



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><i>Menus are subject to change without notice.</i></p>	<p><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i></p> <p><i>Milk served with every meal.</i></p>	<p><i>Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad</i></p> <p><i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p>	<p>1 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Teriyaki, WG Rice, Peas, Peaches</p>	<p>2 B- WG Pancake & Sausage on Stick OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Goulash, Green Beans, WG Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>5 B- Oatmeal OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>6 B- Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>7 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hot Dog on WG Bun, Peas, Baked Beans, Pears</p>	<p>8 B- Breakfast Bar OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Vegetable Beef Soup, Romaine Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Breadstick, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>9 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Peaches</p>
<p>12 B- Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Corn, Celery w/ PB, Pears</p>	<p>13 B- WG Waffles, Sausage OR Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Gravy over WG Biscuits/WG Bread, Peas, Applesauce</p>	<p>14 B- Egg Taco OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chili Soup w/ Cheese, Cinnamon Roll, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>15 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Peaches</p>	<p>16 B- Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Ham Patty on WG Bun, Peas, Tator Gems and/or Swt. Tator Gems, Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>19 B- French Toast Sticks OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pork Patty on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pears</p>	<p>20 B- Sausage Gravy over WG Biscuits OR Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Spaghetti, Green Beans, WG Garlic Bread, Peaches</p>	<p>21 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Noodle Soup, PB & Jelly Sandwich, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>22 B- Yogurt Parfait OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Submarines on WG Bun, FF and/or Swt. FF, Peas, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK</p>
<p>26 B- Breakfast Bar OR Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tomato Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Applesauce</p>	<p>27 B- Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pizza Sandwich, Green Beans, Black Bean Salad, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>28 B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Sloppy Joes on WG Bun, Broccoli w/ Cheese, FF and/or Swt. FF, Peaches</p>	<p>29 B- Omelet, WG Toast OR Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pears</p>	<p>30 B- Mummy OR Crispy Critters/Goblin Maggots/Dracula's Blood, Witches Brew L- Werewolf Delights, Gremlin Goo, Mini Eyeballs, Brain Bits</p>

OCTOBER 2015 ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 27 This calendar is subject to change.	28 JV VB Triangular vs. Lewiston/JCC - 5:30/7:30PM - HOME	29 NO SCHOOL VB @ Dorchester - 6PM (JV,V)	30 NO SCHOOL	1	2 FB vs. Johnson-Brock - 7PM - HOME PARENTS' NIGHT K-1 st -2 nd grade Field Trip to Roca Pumpkin Patch	3 Big Cat Invite @ Conestoga (Murray) - 9AM vs. Ft. Calhoun
4	5 JH VB vs. Tri County - 2:30PM - HOME JV FB vs. Diller-Odell - 6PM - HOME	6 Lewiston Triangular vs. Lewiston/CVA - 6:15/7:30PM	7 EARLY OUT - 1:37PM Energy Field Trip CAN meeting after school Digital Citizenship Presentation - All Day	8 JH VB @ Diller-Odell - 1PM JH FB @ Diller-Odell - 3PM VB @ Elmwood-Murdock - 6PM	9 Randy Nadler (Italy) - 9AM-Elem/10AM-HS FB @ Lewiston - 7PM NO SCHOOL - PreK	10 Lewiston JH VB Tournament - 9AM Falls City VB Invite - 9AM
11	12 JH VB @ Pawnee City - 1:30PM JV FB @ Friend - 6PM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7:30PM	13 VB vs. Cornerstone Christian (JV,V) - 6PM - HOME CAN meeting	14 PSAT Testing for Juniors - periods 1-4	15	16 END OF 1st QUARTER FB vs. FCSH - 7PM HOMECOMING Post Prom Parents Tailgate - 5:30-gone	17 Brownell Talbot JH VB Tournament - 1PM
18	19 JV FB vs. Neb. City Lourdes - 6PM - HOME Lifetouch Picture Retakes 8:15AM PIONEER CONF. VB TOURNAMENT @ LEWISTON/DILLER-ODELL	20 JH VB vs. Johnson-Brock - 4PM - HOME JH FB vs. Johnson-Brock - 5PM - HOME	HOMECOMING WEEK		23 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK PIONEER CONF. FINALS - LEWISTON	24 ACT Test Date JV VB Tournament - 9AM - HOME
25 	26	27 Neb. City Lourdes VB Triangular vs. NCL/FCSH - 6:30/7:30PM	28	29 FB Playoffs 1st Round D1/D2 @ TBA	30 VB @ Johnson-Brock - (JV,V) - 6PM	31 Boo at the Park 6-8PM 

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DON'T FORGET...

October 2	FB Parents' Night K-1 st -2 nd Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch
October 7	EARLY OUT - 1:37PM
October 9	Randy Nadler Visit No School - Prek
October 12	School Board Meeting
October 12-16	HOMECOMING WEEK
October 16	Homecoming Post Prom Parents Tailgate
October 19	Lifetouch Picture Retakes
October 21	NHS Blood Drive
October 22	3 rd & 4 th Field Trip to Arbor Lodge
October 23	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
October 31	Boo at the Park

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