DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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From the Superintendent's desk:

With the start of December fast approaching, I want to provide an update on several items of importance. The first topic I want to share with our patrons is the Football sports cooperative. At the November 13 school board meeting, the board heard feedback from some of the committee members who spent time gathering information for the

football classification. Members of the committee included myself, Mr. King, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Mimick, Mr. Hesse, Mr. Kallweit and Mr. Herchenbach. Every other year, the Nebraska School Activities Association classifies schools into Class A, B, C1, C2, 8-man 1, 8-man 2 and 6-man football for two years. Schools like ourselves and Lindsay Holy Family who play in a cooperative have to declare to the NSAA which class we want to play in by November 30. The unfortunate piece is that schools have to declare which class you want to play in without knowing which class you will be placed. Additional information the board took into consideration was the low number of current football participants. Humphrey Public alone has 4 current juniors, 1 sophomore and 2 freshmen participating in football while Lindsay Holy Family has 1 junior, 1 sophomore and 3 freshmen for a total of 12 players in grades 10-12. There might be an additional 8 freshmen who will go out for football but the school board and committee do not believe it is fair for freshmen to be forced to play in a varsity football game against upperclassmen who may be older and much more physically developed which is a safety issue. All this information led to a unanimous decision to play 6-man football for the 2018 and 2019 football seasons. The school board along with the other committee members realize we will be ineligible for the playoffs but the safety of our students is of utmost importance and believe the opportunity to have our students play against schools with similar participation numbers was most important.

The second topic I want to discuss is the revival of the Humphrey Public School Alumni Banquet. A couple of weeks ago, I met with the Humphrey Booster Club during their monthly meeting. There has not been a banquet in quite a few years which is unfortunate, in the past it has always been the responsibility of the 5-year graduating class to organize and host the yearly banquet. I talked to the booster club about changing this practice because 5year graduates are often busy beginning the next phase in their lives like graduating from college, getting married etc. Organizing an alumni banquet is something that is very difficult to do, I believe we need to have an organized committee who meets periodically in order to help bring back our alumni and keep them involved in our school. I presented a proposal to the booster club asking for their help to have a yearly alumnus gathering on a consistent date, inviting and recognizing 5-year classes, conducting a short business meeting, having current Honor Society students give tours of the school with cake/punch being served. We would most likely continue the practice of having alumni and their classes meet outside of the school at different venues instead of planning and organizing a very large banquet and meal. We are going to continue this discussion in the future, if you would like to be a part of this committee or have ideas about future alumni banquets, please talk to a booster club member or myself.

I want to end my newsletter as I always do by saying should you ever have any questions, please call and get the answers. This will help curb any misinformation and help eliminate rumors and your concerns. Clear and open communication between the community and the school are vital areas in the success of a school.

Mr. Sjuts







From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to December! I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well and . It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of the first semester for the 2017-2018 school year. As we finish up the first semester, please encourage your students to make sure they are getting all of their assignments completed on time and preparing for any tests they may have to ensure they will finish the first semester with the best grade possible.

I wanted to pass along an update on the new website. The mock-up has been approved and training has begun. As we get closer to launching the new website, you will see a notice on the current website letting you know of the transition to the new one.

When we make the change, please don't hesitate to contact the school if you are unable to locate certain items. We would be more than happy to help you.

On Thursday, November 14, the first quarter Honor's Breakfast was held for our students who qualified according to their 1st quarter grades. We had 110 honor students present, along with 60 guests for a total of 170 individuals attending the Honor's Breakfast. I want to thank everyone that was able to attend. It is always a wonderful thing to be able to recognize our students for their hard work. Our second quarter Honor's Breakfast will be held on Thursday, January 18th. A reminder will be send out in the January newsletter.

Calendar Reminders

- Monday, December 11

 Elementary Music Concert @ 7:00 PM
 - Thursday, December 14
 - JH/HS Music Concert @ 7:00 PM
- Friday, December 15
 - Geography Bee @ 2:00 PM
 - Friday, December 22
 - 12:00 PM Dismissal
 - End of 2nd Quarter
- Monday, December 25 Wednesday, January 3

 NO SCHOOL (Holiday Break)
- Thursday, January 4
 - School Resumes
 - Start of 3rd Quarter

I want to reminder everyone that our Music Concerts are coming up. The Elementary Music Concert will be held on Monday, December 11, starting at 7:00pm. Our JH/HS Music Concert will be held on Thursday, December 14, starting at 7:00pm. If you are able to, I would encourage everyone to attend as this is a great time for our students to display their musical talents.

I want to congratulate our One Act team and coaches on a very successful season. The team worked very hard, ending their season as the District Runner-Up. The team put in extra hours in a very short amount of time to improve their performance for District Competition. I look forward to next year's performance.

Over the Christmas Break students are going to get to participate in a Math Challenge, similar to the Reading Challenge. This will be more of a game for the students to play with their brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins, etc over the break. We want them to have a little fun while working on math skills that have been previously taught. More details will follow.

As I wrap up my letter, please remember that my door is always open if you ever feel the need to talk about any concerns that you may have. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Until my next letter, have a great October!



December Health News

Cleaning and disinfecting are part of a broad approach to preventing infectious diseases. To help slow the spread & the first line of defense is getting vaccinated. Other measures include covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands, and keeping sick people away from others.

Know the Difference Between Cleaning, Disinfecting & Sanitizing

Cleaning removes germs & dirt from surfaces and objects. Cleaning works by using soap or detergent and water to physically remove germs from surfaces. This process does not necessarily kill the germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risks of spreading infection.

Disinfecting kills germs on surfaces or objects. Disinfecting works by using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces and objects. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces, but by killing germs on a surface after cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

Sanitizing lowers the number of germs on surfaces or objects to a lower level. This process works by either cleaning or disinfecting surfaces or objects to lower the risk of spreading infection.

Clean & disinfect surfaces & objects that are touched often.

Simply do routine cleaning and disinfecting.

Viruses or Bacteria What's got you sick?

Antibiotics only treat bacterial infections. Viral illnesses cannot be treated with antibiotics. When an antibiotic is not prescribed, ask your healthcare professional for tips on how to relieve symptoms and feel better.

Illness	Usual Cause		Antibiotic
	Viruses	Bacteria	Needed
Cold/Runny Nose	~		NO
Bronchitis/Chest Cold (in otherwise healthy children and adults)	\checkmark		NO
Whooping Cough		\checkmark	Yes
Flu	\checkmark		NO
Strep Throat		\checkmark	Yes
Sore Throat (except strep)	\checkmark		NO
Fluid in the Middle Ear (otitis media with effusion)	~		NO
Urinary Tract Infection		1	Yes

Antibiotics Aren't Always the Answer

www.cdc.gov/getsmart

As we all work together, we can hopefully all stay as healthy as possible through the cold season this year. If you ever have any questions, please give me a call. Thank You, Jen Nolan

For more great resources on colds & sicknesses, please visit:



Greetings from the Counselor

I am not quite sure where this first semester has gone. It seems just yesterday I began my second year at Humphrey public; here we are one semester in already. Thank you to all of the wonderful staff, students, parents, and community members who continue to make this one big Bulldog Family.

Elementary in review: This past month in elementary guidance, we spoke about kindness and the various ways we can show this. We started off with discussing Veteran's Day, and making sure those who sacrificed us were aware. We also talked about showing pride in our school and our country. This led into the opportunity to give as opposed to just receiving. We talked about the Red Cross Blood Drive that occurred on November 22nd. Thank you to the large number of you who were willing to donate, and set the example for our students about the importance of giving. This then led into a discussion on Thanksgiving. What a wonderful time to celebrate all that we are thankful for as we enter into the Holiday season. Students discussed being thankful for family, religion, school, friends, and good health. The students at Humphrey Public are extremely thankful, blessed, and great kids to work with.

Elementary in the future: In the month of December, 5th and 6th graders will do some research on colleges and be introduced to the terminology. Research shows the younger we introduce college and future career planning to our students, the more likely they are to plan and pursue a successful future. During this time, K-4th grade will work on social skills, especially good manners, caring for others, correct ways to disagree, and continuing to change the world through our kind ways. This leads into the Christmas season, which is a perfect time to talk about

Junior High:

- 1. Continue to think about different careers you would like to pursue. Narrowing your search down at a younger age will help as you make your decision in your high school career about what path lies ahead for you.
- 2. Ask me questions, ask your teachers questions, ask your family questions. That is the best way to get answers. ^(C)
- 3. Continue to save money for when you do go to college or enter the real world after high school. You will definitely be glad you did.
- 4. Remember that your grades can directly affect your future as well. Take the time to complete projects and homework assignments thoroughly and to the best of your ability. You are the people who will benefit the most from that.
- 5. As always, be involved and cheer on your classmates who are involved in activities as well. A positive school environment involves you.

9th-10th Grades:

- 1. Start researching the careers you have been thinking about. Look at different colleges that would be a good fit for you.
- 2. Have a conversation with your parents about how college is going to be paid for. Are your parents going to help? Will you pay for most of it? Are they going to pay for books? Cost plays a big part in determining where some students go to college. Having this conversation early, will help prevent stresses later on.
- 3. Many of you are involved in activities right now. Remember to stay caught up on your schoolwork. Life doesn't halt because we are busy, we have to learn to succeed despite the business. On that note, I encourage you all to be involved and support those that are also involved.

11th Grade:

- 1. Narrow down your career options and visit those schools that have the option. If you are undecided, that is okay. Many colleges won't have you declare until after your first year, but it is best to have thought about different majors so that you go into college with some idea.
- 2. I encourage you to consider taking the ACT before the state testing date. The ACT has replaced the NESA for juniors. All juniors in the state of Nebraska will take an ACT given at school in the spring. By taking an ACT before then, you will have more confidence and be better prepared for the spring ACT date. As many of you know, a good ACT score can truly help your future. If your score is not where you want it, don't panic. By taking the test early, there is time to study and try new techniques.
- 3. All juniors will take part in the John Baylor Test Prep. As stated before, buy into this and it will help.
- 4. Go on college visits. The only way to truly see if a college is for you is to get on campus and visit. This gives you the first-hand experience needed to make your decisions. If you need help setting up a visit or researching schools, please, come in and see me.

12th Grade:

- 1. Many of you have your FAFSA completed. If not, work on completing it. If you need help with it, please ask. If you are waiting for the right time, I do understand. Please, share with parents the emails I send regarding financial assistance. After submitting the FAFSA, you should expect a Student Aid Report (SAR). This will come to you in your email. This says that your FAFSA was received and if there are any other necessary actions to take with your FAFSA. If this report shows an income much larger than it should, we can still go back into the FAFSA and make the necessary changes. By completing it early, this allows for the necessary time to do so.
- 2. Continue or begin looking for scholarships. I have the Google Doc and update as I am made aware of scholarships. You may also use *ScholarshipQuest* at Educationquest.org. Also, Peterson's, FindTuition, Cappex, and School Soup are free websites that may have more scholarships available for you.
- 3. Make sure you are applying for admission into the college you want to go to. If you are unsure, apply to both. See what scholarships you receive, compare pros and cons, double check that they have your major, and make your decision. Please, let me know if there are necessary transcripts or materials that I need to send in.

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We have been very busy in the Spanish classroom the last few months. Here is a snapshot of what your students are taking part of!

Elementary Spanish

In the elementary classrooms we have been learning numbers, colors, and common conversational Spanish phrases as well as animals. Each grade level will learn the material and then we do fun games and activities to encourage the use in the classroom! The kids love learning Spanish and would love to share what they learn with you! Ask them some questions when they bring papers home and learn right along with them!





Spanish 1

8th Grade Spanish

In 8th Grade Spanish the students are adding on to what they learned last year in 7th grade Spanish. Students should be able to tell you how to say the Spanish alphabet, basic conversations including how they are feeling, classroom vocabulary and verbs, and clothing items. The kids also love playing review games and enjoy a nice competitive game of "Simon Dice" or Simon says using Spanish phrases.

In Spanish 1students have been learning a lot of vocabulary and how to conjugate verbs and make Spanish sentences. When we learned body parts students had to write all the body parts down in Spanish on post-it notes and race to be the first one to correctly "label" their body. When learning the dates, months, seasons, and weather, students put together weather forecasts and performed them for their classmates. A lot of the students decided to make a video weather forecast and these were so much fun to put together and watch with the kids. They are so creative (and know this technology stuff better than me!) We will continue learning how to conjugate verbs (regular and irregular) and learn a lot more vocabulary the coming months!



Spanish 2

Spanish 2 has been very busy the last few months. In addition to learning vocabulary and verb conjugations, students have also been learning about the culture of Spanish speaking people. On November 1, the Spanish 2 students loaded a van and headed to Central City to see the Spanish concert of Emir Sensini. Emir sang songs that we learned in class and gave a great message about "you were made for a purpose." After the concert we headed to Columbus and enjoyed an authentic Mexican lunch at El Mezcal. The kids had a great time and can't



Students with Emir Sensini

wait to do something like this again! The students are also learning new vocabulary and tenses in class, as well as a lot of vocabulary! They will be doing projects based on what they learn such as making a menu for a restaurant and doings a sports broadcast.

<u>Spanish 3</u>

Spanish 3 has been so much fun to develop this year. We have a small class, but it makes it so much fun to do projects and readings. We spent a lot of the first few weeks reviewing all of our verb tenses. The kids had to use present, present progressive, preterite, and imperfect tenses all together. When we were using the two past tenses the kids made a slide show of them when they were little and presented it to the class. It was so neat to see the kids using their Spanish and really neat to see the pictures of them when they were little!



We also read an entire book in Spanish this semester. At first they were nervous but once they saw how much Spanish they understood it was fun to listen to them read aloud to each other and talk about what they read in Spanish.



Día de los Muertos-Day of the Dead

This year to celebrate Día de los Muertos the students in Spanish 1, 2, and 3 constructed an altar of remembrance in the classroom. On the altar we placed photos of our deceased loved ones we wanted to remember on

this holiday. Students also brought candles, and made sugar skulls and skeletons. Spanish 3 was able to make large scale papel picado which was a new project this year and turned out wonderful! We learned the significance of all the things we placed on the altar and learned what the holiday is truly about. During this time the Elementary students also

learned about Día de los Muertos by making Sugar Skull masks and reading the book "The Day of the Dead" which we read in both English and Spanish. We also watched a video that went along with the book. All in all it was a wonderful holiday and the students learned so much about the culture of Mexico and Spanish speaking countries that celebrate this holiday.









Hello Bulldog families,



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Booster Club would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

To give you some information about the Booster Club, for you that do not know about us, we are a committee of parents in grades 7-12. The Booster Club purpose is to provide support to our students, teachers, and school. We are able to do this by the two yearly fundraisers: **Scrip Gift Cards & Sports Program Ads.**

The Scrip program helps our school raise funds by allowing the Booster club to purchase full face value gift cards for a reduced cost. When families purchase the full value gift card, that percentage goes back to the Booster Club. The Booster Club then returns it back into the school system that will best benefit, not only the kids now, but in the years to come. Some examples the Booster Club have donated to or purchased in the past – the school Marque, balls for PE, movie for Math class, choir/graduation robes, piano for music room and the list goes on. Families can feel good knowing their purchase supports the school just by using gift cards to shop for groceries, going to their favorite place to eat, or giving a birthday, Christmas, wedding gift. Families can even use these gift cards for online shopping. The Booster Club carries a wide variety for you to choose from. If you don't see what you want, let us know and we will get it for you.

The Sports program ads are open ad spots that are sold to area business and families of students in the school system. The sports programs are available at all home games at both Lindsay and Humphrey sporting events all school year long.

We want to thank everyone that has purchased gift cards or a sports ad to support Booster Club. If you are interested in getting a gift card or taking out an ad please look up a Booster Club member. We are available any time to help with any questions you may have on how our fundraisers work. Our doors are always welcome to anyone that wants to join and make a difference in their students' school.

Many more vendors to choose from...





November 6, 2017

6 Members Present

Meeting called to order at 8:29 pm with a welcome to all here. The secretary's report was read by Mitzi with 2 small adjustments to be made, and corrections made it was approved by Dana & Barb. The Treasurer's report was read by Mitzi with info from Pam. Bills are all paid up-to-date and our balance is fine.

We were in contact with the Jr. Class Sponsors and offered help in paying for a venue if they need help. We will be discussing with them.

Raffle Tickets will be made and ready to present to members next meeting for the Pig/burger raffle

We will not be selling Party Dipz at this time. We will eartag money for Black Friday. This was approved.

Next Meeting is Monday December 4th 8:00pm. Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 by Jenny & Barb



11-6-17 Booster Club Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 with a welcome to all members who are present and guests. Greg Sjuts was present to present the booster club with a discussion of the Alumni Banquet. There was a discussion about working with Alumni to get a Banquet going again. There was a discussion about what part the Booster Club could play in this.

The secretary's report was read by Mitzi and approved by Dana & Todd

The Treasurer's report was read by Petrina and she noted that all scholarships from the past year have now been paid and there were no outstanding bills. This was approved by Jeannie & Barb

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Popcorn Machine any news, none yet
- 2. Tattoos Handed out for homecoming & Pink out Thank you Barb!
- 3. Burger/Brat Bash Wrap up Discussion on Thank yous and finalizing amounts made and how things have gone. Thank you to ALL who worked and donated time/effort and anything!
- 4. Bulldog Mascot Homecoming AWESOME turnout and mascot was a HIT
- 5. Autographed sports balls We will schedule workers for home games in December at next December Meeting. We have 3 home games in Dec and 2 in Jan with the drawing Feb. 8.
- 6. Scrip update Not much to update but we will try to sell some at the Honor's Breakfast. Administrators will be asked
- 7. Staff Wish List up date Committee members are: Petrina, Michelle, Jeannie, Bobbie, Barb. Committee will get together to discuss.
- 8. Spirit Poster Update Posters due Monday November 27th.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Alumni Banquet ideas from Mr. Sjuts Discuss held
- 2. Spirit Awards at home games do we do this again? Ask Michelle about a Grade Night or something to pack the House with supporters & students!
- 3. December Agenda:
- a. Santa Grams
- b. Teacher Meal for Conferences in Feb
- c. State Bowling Goodie Bags
- 4. New Business Donkey Ball T-SHirts Would we pay \$250 and be listed on shirts as sponsor? Approved by Barb & Lori
- 5. Next Meeting Monday December 4th 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 approved by Petrina & Mitzi

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Pale	Newman Grove	GBB vs Plainview	FFA Meeting 7:30 am	G & B BB vs. Howells-	Quiz Bowl in Omaha	JH GBB at Fullerton
- 77	JH GBB vs. Madison at HHS B/A 4:30/5:30	@ LHF JV/V	BOOKMOBILE	Dodge at Howells JV/V		9:00/10:00 G & B BB vs. Shelb
	Booster Club 7:00 Post Prom 8:15	S ATTACK AND	ELEMENTARY BANK DAY	HEARTH IN	R	Rising City at HHS JV
1 200	11 School Board Mtg 6:00	12	13	14	15	16
	G & B C-Team BB vs. Howells-Dodge at Howells	JH GBB at GACC A/B 4:00/5:00	FCCLA Mtg 7:30 am	7-12 Music Concert 7:00 pm	G & B BB vs. Palmer at LHF	JH GBB vs. Howel Dodge at Howells I 9:00/10:00
	Elementary Music Concert 7:00 pm	Minut	CINE L'			Carle
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Ling	G & B C Team BB vs. Shelby-Rising City at LHF 5:30/7:00	G & B BB vs. Stanton at HHS	BOOKMOBILE ELEMENTARY BANK DAY	G & B BB vs. Pender at HHS	12:00 Dismissal	NSAA Moratoriu thru Wed Dec 2
	25	26	27	28	29	30
		tmas Br	mas Break Thursday, Janua		Holiday Basketball Tournament In Randolph	

Humphrey Public School December 2017 Menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choice of milk, wat	1 Pancake on a Stick Hamburger on Bun, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese			
4 Biscuits & Gravy ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese	5 Mini Donuts ~~~~~~~~ Chinese, Rice, Pineapple ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese	6 Breakfast Pizza ~~~~~~~~ Walking Taco, Corn, Pears ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese	7 Yogurt Cup & Toast ~~~~~~ Pork Patty on Bun, Baked Beans <i>ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese</i>	8 Omelet & Toast ~~~~~~~ Fiestada, French Fries, Banana <i>ALTERNATE : Bologna &</i> <i>Cheese</i>
11 Belgium Waffle ~~~~~~~~~ K-2: Chicken Nuggets 3-12: Beef 'n Bean Burrito Rice, Green Beans, Applesauce ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese	12 Long John or Donut ~~~~~~~ Chicken Alfredo over Noodles, Corn, Pineapple ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese	13 Scrambled Eggs & Toast Flying Saucer, Mashed Potatoes, Orange Smiles ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese	14 French Toast Sticks ~~~~~~~~ Mr. Ribb on Bun, Baked Beans, Peaches <i>ALTERNATE : Ham &</i> <i>Cheese</i>	15 Muffins ~~~~~~~~ Pizza, Tater Tots, Pears ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese
18 Breakfast Pizza ~~~~~~~~ Nachos, Potato Smiles, Pineapple ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese	19 Pancake on a Stick ~~~~~~~ Christmas Diner ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese	20 Biscuits & Gravy Sloppy Jo on Bun, Baked Beans, Chips, Mandarin Oranges ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese	21 Cinnamon Rolls	22 No Breakfast or Lunch Served 12:00 Dismissal



Have a great Christmas Break!

We'll see you back on Thursday, January 4th