

Humphrey Public School

FEBRUARY Newsletter 2018

From the Superintendent's desk:

The winter weather season had been pretty mild until last week when the snow storm forced us to cancel two days of school. These two days of no school along with our two professional development days when we don't have school, one in the fall and one in the spring will be monitored to make sure we schedule enough instructional hours because the weather in February and March can be very unpredictable. When we approved the 2017-2018 school calendar last spring, we decided to set the last day of school at the March school board meeting so parents and staff could plan their summer. Hopefully our weather will cooperate and we will not have to make up any academic time at the end of the school year.

An update for parents of future 3 and 4-year old preschool students, we will begin posting the preschool applications in the near future in the Humphrey Democrat and on our school website to help ensure all parents of preschool children living in the district receive this information. We will be able to take a maximum of 20 students in each age level, if we have over 20 students, we will need to follow the preschool acceptance criteria located on the school website. If you ever have any questions, feel free to call the school and we will be happy to answer them.

A couple of reminders heading into February; Humphrey Public will again be hosting our own Speech meet on Saturday, February 10, I encourage you to come out and support the Speech students and coaches. This year's sub-district basketball tournaments for both boys and girls will be played at St. Paul High School. If you remember, this is where we played our volleyball sub-districts, because of the distance we had to travel in comparison to the other schools in our sub, I called the NSAA to see if there was any way this could be moved to Albion which is more centrally located but the contract had already been approved by the NSAA to go to St. Paul. I want to wish the players and coaches good luck at both conference and district tournaments. The 2nd semester Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 2:00 – 8:30 p.m., we will have a 1:00 dismissal for students that day. I encourage as many parents as possible to attend the conferences to make sure the school; parent and student are on the same page regarding communication. Statistics show, high parental involvement in school will lead to improved academic performance by your child. Thank you and we hope to see you on the 5th. The comp day for teachers will be Friday, February 9, 2018 meaning there is no school for students and staff. In addition, there will be no school for students on Wednesday, February 7 as this is one of our two Marzano Frameworks professional development work days for staff.

As always, I want to continue to emphasize to our patrons in the district, should you ever have any questions, please call and get the answers. This will help curb misinformation and eliminate rumors and your concerns. Clear and open communication between the community and the school are vital areas in the success of our school. Have an awesome February.

Mr. Sjuts

February

From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to February! I hope this letter finds everyone is doing well. On Wednesday, January 31, 2017 we held our second quarter Honor Roll breakfast. We had 90 honor students in attendance along with 51 adults. I want to thank everyone that was able to attend. It is always great to see students and their families in our building celebrating student success. I would also like to thank our high school students who helped serve the breakfast and our great kitchen staff for whipping up a great meal.

Our winter sports seasons are continuing to succeed. Our speech season is off and running. They have attended two meets and have had students come home with medals. They will be having a home speech meet Saturday, February 10th. If you have a little extra time, stop up to the high school and watch them perform. You will not be disappointed. Our boys and girls basketball teams are doing well. They are entering into the home stretch of the regular season. It has been great to see all the support at our home games.

Every five years, our school district has an external visit from the Department of Education as part of the accreditation process. Part of that process is gathering feedback from our staff, students, and parents in regards to the overall operation of our school. Next spring will be Humphrey Public's visit and to allow time to analyze the data collected, we are asking all parents to complete the Climate Survey. I will have laptops set up at parent teacher conferences, however, if you were unable to attend conferences, please go to the following link and give us your feedback. Each parent is encouraged to complete the survey. Thank you for your time and participation in providing us with valuable information to continue growing our school and students.

- **Elementary/Middle Parent Surveys:**

- https://nde.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9t0PdmkTw2tVPXn&Level=elementary&SchoolID=71-0067-002

- **High School Parent Surveys:**

- https://nde.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9t0PdmkTw2tVPXn&Level=high&SchoolID=71-0067-001

Our state and district testing window is getting closer. We will begin our spring MAP testing at the beginning of March and our state assessments will begin during March as well. I will highlight more information in March regarding the assessments, however, this would be a good time to start discussing with your child the importance of working hard on these assessments and taking their time. I know that test results don't show the whole picture of the individual student, however, it is important that we help prepare our students to be successful in situations like these that will help prepare them for their future.

As we have entered the season of sickness, I would like to remind our parents that if you take your child to the doctor, please make sure that you get a note from the doctor excusing them from school. This note needs to be turned into the office so it can be placed in our files. This is very important to have on file as we have documentation verifying your student's absence when we submit our attendance reports to the state department of education.

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.

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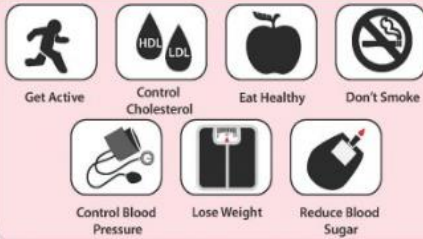
February Health News

February is American Heart Month and National Children's Dental Health Month.



80% of Heart Disease and Stroke Can Be Prevented

7 Steps to Reduce the Risk of Heart Disease



Heart Healthy Nutrition



Eat at Least 5 Servings of Fruits and Vegetables a Day



Choose Whole Grains Over Processed (Refined) Grains and Sugars



Choose Healthy Fats (Monounsaturated & Polyunsaturated) Over Unhealthy Fats (Saturated & Trans)

Sources:
www.heart.org
www.everydaychoices.org



ADA.org/ncdhm

Brush two minutes, two times a day.
 Clean between your teeth daily.
 Limit snacks, eat healthy meals.
 Visit your dentist regularly.



ADA Foundation
Oral Care | Nutrition | Research | Education

ADA American Dental Association
 America's leading advocate for oral health

2min2x!

Brush 2 minutes 2 times a day
 AND eat healthy for
 a healthy smile!

Greetings from the Counselor

I hope everyone has had a safe winter and continues to push through to our last winter month (hopefully), and find ways to thrive in the rest of the semester.

Elementary Guidance: The past month we have got back into the swing of school. There has been quite a bit of illness going around, including myself, so some guidance classes have been affected. We have also talked about the importance of complimenting others and being kind to them. This has led into discussion about Martin Luther King Jr. and how he has impacted the world. In the future, we will continue to work on social skills, coping skills, and how to be better students and people.

Junior High:

1. Remember that your grades matter, effort matters, and how you act within a classroom matters.
2. Continue to talk with your parents at home about future career plans.
3. Many of you have been involved in extra curricular activities during the fall and winter, which is awesome. February does not have any school-related junior high sports. Continue to still stay active so that it is easier to remain healthy. Remember, it is good to be involved and support others who are involved in activities. Let me know if you need help with anything.

Freshmen and Sophomores:

1. Understand that your grades matter now. I know that I mention it all the time, but it is important. If you have hopes to be Valedictorian or Salutatorian of your class, which I hope many of you do, the grades you make now will determine that just as much as your junior and senior year. Colleges also ask for Cumulative GPAs, which means your GPA for your entire high school career. This can be the difference in getting accepted into a college versus not. It can also be the difference in thousands of dollars offered through scholarships.
2. Continue to stay involved with extra curricular activities. We have had a lot of success and I hope this pattern continues as you all put time, effort, and hard work into all that you do.

Juniors:

1. The ACT is getting near. Each of you have a FREE personalized ACT Prep through the actual www.act.org web page. I have emailed you all your usernames and passwords. If you have questions or problems with this, please come and see me. I hope that you all take full advantage of this prep along with John Baylor for the ACT.
2. As with the younger classmen, make sure you are diligently trying on your coursework and staying involved when possible. It truly helps create well-rounded young adults.
3. I also encourage you all to continue to visit colleges. The best way to know if a fit is right for you is to see it first-hand. Before visiting the college, make sure that it would have the degree for the career you are hoping to have. While on campus, make sure you are attending with questions and take advantage of what the tour guides have to share with you. If you need help getting set up with one, please let me know.
4. Scheduling a job shadow is also a great activity to do while you are still in high school. I have almost all of you in Careers and it is a requirement, so the sooner you can get it done, the less stress you'll have. If there is anything else I can help you with, I am happy to help.

Seniors:

1. It is very important for you all to have the FAFSA completed by now. If you are having problems, please come in and see me so we can get it taken care of. Continue getting scholarships completed.
2. As an FYI, you all have until May 1st to accept scholarships given directly from an university. This is set forth by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, which means that colleges will not be lenient. May 1st is the absolute last day to accept them.
3. These scholarships are different than the scholarships that I will share with you. As I receive notice of scholarships, I will send them to each of you. Each scholarship will have its own deadline. Pay close attention to those dates so that you do not miss submitting them. Remember that ScholarshipQuest, EducationQuest, and College Board are all good resources for you as you continue searching for and filling out scholarships. If you have issues with scholarships or need someone to look over final drafts, please let me know. I am here to help in whatever way possible.

As always, please see me if there is anything that I can help with. I am available in person, by phone, or by email. Stay warm and stay safe.

Miss Oelsligle

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Greetings from the shop!

We often talk about how fast the year is going, which is OK. As we stay active and go to the school events time moves along just fine. January is a month the faster the better. Now what's happening in school? In the shop classes we added some extra challenging tools to make learning fun and project outcomes better.

1. CNC Router- This machine routers lettering, designs, and shapes into the wood. We use this machine for names in drawer fronts, clocks, or fancy designs added onto their projects.
2. Laser engraver- This machine lasers designs in to wood, like pictures, lettering or special designs going into student projects.
3. 3-D Printer- This tool produces projects out of plastics. We can construct gears, whistles, cups, and so on. Students use this machine to create new and different types of projects.

All three of these machines along with the traditional tools we have to help students create and construct fun and rewarding projects. The fun thing about shop classes is the creating of new and challenging projects. The students have several choices when taking classes. They can take Woods, Small Engines, Drafting, Building Construction, House Wiring. These are some of the choices that students can take. The challenging thing is what will the skill students need in the years to come? We try to create the interest that students can benefit from when looking for a rewarding career. Shops are always open for visitors. Later!

Kevin Brandl





Title I Reading & Math

Happy Valentine's Day from the Title Room!

The title reading and math classes have been working on a variety of things so far this year. In reading, the Kindergarten through 2nd graders have been working on Sound Partners. We talk about and practice what sounds the letters make and read words with those sounds in them. We also practice writing the words. In the 3rd – 6th grades, we have been working on different reading skills like main idea, summaries, fact/non-fact, sequencing, figurative language, and cause and effect. One day a week, we all focus on working on improving our fluency and retell scores when we read orally. We call it “Fluency Fridays”. We read for one minute then we retell for one minute. We then record how many words we read in the minute and how many errors we had. We record them on a graph that we can look back on each week to see our progress.

Math title students, depending on their grade level, have been working on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. We use whole numbers, fractions, decimal numbers, and integers. We also spend some time on geometry!

Whatever the day, you can be sure that we are putting our “whole heart” into everything we do!

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!

Mrs. Niemann

Title 1 Reading/Math Teacher

On Thursday, February 8th, the Center for Survivor's Revolution Group is presenting to our students. The primary purpose of this presentation is dating violence and sexual assault prevention with an emphasis on how to help your friends who may be in one of these situations. As part of the Lindsay Ann Burke Act, all public schools in the state of Nebraska are required to instruct on domestic violence and abuse. This presentation provides the necessary instruction. The presentation includes a dramatization containing some strong language. This is done so that students feel as if they are truly witnessing violence, and making the presentation more personal and real. There will also be an opportunity for students to ask questions regarding the violence and how to react in those situations. Revolution has been providing these presentations for over ten years. This will be presented to our 7th through 12th grade students. Parents are welcome to attend the event.

The Center for Survivors is a free service to students and families in our district. They provide services specialized in domestic abuse, but are also available for conversations and counseling. They even help families get on their feet when the needs arise. We are lucky to receive their services, and are excited for them to spend some time with us on the 8th. The presentation will begin at 8:50 AM and will last until approximately 10:05.

If you would like your child NOT to attend, then please send a note to school. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or the Center for Survivors.

Cami Oelsigle
K-12 School Counselor



Humphrey FFA Chapter

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It has been an exciting year! The Humphrey FFA Chapter conducted Feed A Farmer at Central Valley Ag serving over 300 meals, repainted the bouncy animal playground equipment, hosted K-6 Safety Academy and completed Fruit Sales Fundraiser. Members competed in Regional Crop Scouting Contest – placing 3rd and District Leadership Skills Events. Emma Labenz qualified for State FFA Competition in Junior Public Speaking. At Nationals, Humphrey FFA was recognized as a National 2 Star Chapter and three Humphrey FFA members: Grant Classen, Jacob Luedtke and Holly Podliska earned their American Degrees. More exciting events are coming this spring!!

Pictured below: FFA Members that competed in District Leadership Skills Events in Newman Grove, December 4th, 2017



Upcoming Events

Saturday, Feb 3rd
State Degree & Proficiency Reviews

February 19-24th
National FFA Week

Tuesday, February 27th
District CDE Contests @ CCC

Friday, March 16th
Barnyard 2-3:15pm
Ag Shop

Saturday, March 24th
FFA Steak Feed & Silent Auction at Community Building

April 4th-6th
State FFA Convention

Friday, May 4th
FFA Banquet
HHS Gym 6:30pm

Saturday, May 5th
Electronics Collection
Scrap Metal Recycling



Humphrey FFA Chapter Steak Feed & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 24th, 2018
Humphrey Community Building 5-9pm

Please join us for a night of great food and entertainment!

Steak Feed & Silent Auction
Saturday, March 24th, 2018
Silent Auction 5-8pm
Steak Feed 6-7:30pm
Entertainment 8-9pm

Meal includes New York Strip Steak, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Choice of Salad, Dessert, and Drink.

Tickets are \$20 each. Payable to Humphrey FFA Chapter. Tickets available from Robyn Graham, Sandy Classen or Wendy Groenke, through FFA Members and the School offices.
Humphrey FFA Chapter
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Greetings from the English Room! Well, 2018 is off and running, and we are busy as ever in the classroom!

The juniors are in the midst of reading *Catching Fire*. They are working in small groups on discussing themes of the book and on making an A-B-C book about the games. At the end of the book, the juniors will engage in a Socratic Seminar in which they will discuss the themes, symbols, and main ideas of the book.

The seniors started the semester with *Hamlet*. They will be working independently on several things this semester in order to prepare themselves for their college and work lives outside of school. They will make a memory book to display at their graduation parties, and they will read *Mockingjay* in small groups of their choosing. In addition to finding themes, symbols, and answers to literal and inferential questions, the seniors will cooperatively create small and large projects that are representative the book.

Freshmen and sophomores have been busy with grammar and diagramming sentences. This semester, the freshmen will write and perform speeches, read *Romeo and Juliet*, and read *The Outsiders*. The sophomores will spend the rest of their semester discovering literature based on wars throughout world history. They will read *Julius Caesar*, *Animal Farm*, and *Night*.

The journalism kids have been working hard, designing the yearbooks for the high school and for the elementary. You likely have seen them with the cameras at various events this school year. This year's theme is "We were there when it hAPPened," and it is centered around popular apps that kids use. The yearbooks will be on sale in March. The elementary yearbooks will be printed at the service unit and will be selling for \$5 each. The secondary yearbooks are produced by Jostens and will be sold for \$35 each.



The speech team got off to a great start at Pierce, finishing second as a varsity team. Christopher placed 1st in poetry, 2nd in duet, 2nd in humorous, and 3rd in OID. Trinity placed 3rd in persuasive. Tylea finished 2nd in duet and 3rd in OID. Yasmine placed 3rd in OID. Zane finished in 3rd in entertainment. Triniti G. earned 5th in poetry. The OID team of Triniti, Will, Aidan, Ashley, and Mikayla finished in 7th. Several competitors earned a superior ranking in other events, including Allie, Aidan, Will, Ashley, Yasmine, Tylea, and Trinity. The novice competitors did well, too, with Hailey placing in entertainment and Autumn placing in humorous. Additionally, novice speakers Michaela, Krista, and Allison all received a superior ranking from a judge at the meet. This year's speech schedule can be found on our new website. The Humphrey Invitational will be held at the school on February 10, starting at 8:00. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

I am looking forward to a terrific 2018, both in and out of the classroom.

Mrs. Hogancamp

Humphrey Public School February 2018 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Winside Speech Meet FFA State Degrees at Schuyler Quiz Bowl at Wayne
4	5 1:00 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00-8:30	6 3 year old Preschool	7 No School For Students Marzano Framework Training for Teachers	8 4 year old Preschool G & B BB vs. Twin River at HHS <i>*Parent's Night*</i>	9 No School	10 Humphrey Speech Meet 8:00 am Sing Around Nebraska in Central City
11	12 GBB SubDistricts at St. Paul School Board Mtg Booster Club Mtg 7:00 Post Prom Mtg 8:00	13 GBB SubDistricts Semi-Finals at St. Paul	14 FFA Mtg 7:30	15 GBB SubDistrict Finals at St. Paul	16 BBB at Plainview	17 Wisner-Pilger Speech Meet
18	19 BBB SubDistricts at St. Paul Wynot Speech Meet	20 BBB SubDistricts Semi-Finals at St. Paul	21 FCCLA Mtg 7:30 1:00 Dismissal Teacher InService	22 BBB SubDistrict Finals at St. Paul	23 Ag Olympics	24 Conference Speech Meet at Howells-Dodge Elementary BB Tourney at HHS
25	26	27 FFA District CDE's at CCC	28	Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information. Thank You!		

Check out the NEW website & watch for the most up to date information at www.humphreybulldogs.org !

Humphrey Public School

February 2018 Menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Menus subject to change. Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, fruit, toast, warm oatmeal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch. <i>Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.</i> USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.</p>			1 Waffle ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Chicken Alfredo over noodles, Broccoli, Applesauce, Cookie ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese	2 Raspberry Crunch & Links ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Hamburger on Bun, Green Beans, Pineapple ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese
5 Biscuits & Gravy ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Beef 'n Bean Burrito, Spanish Rice, Peas, Peaches ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese	6 Pancake on a Stick ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Sloppy Jo on Bun, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese	7 	8 Pancakes ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Beef Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Pears ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese	9 
12 Breakfast Burrito ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Fiestada, Corn, Peaches ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese	13 Scrambled Eggs & Toast ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Meatball Sub, Green Beans, Apple, Cookie ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese	14 Long John or Donut ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Popcorn Shrimp, French Fries, Pears ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese	15 Biscuits & Gravy ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Flying Saucer with Mashed Potatoes, Banana ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese	16 French Toast Sticks ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Cheese Pizza, Lettuce, Mandarin Oranges ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese
19 Yogurt Cup ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Chicken Sandwich, Broccoli, Applesauce ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese	20 Breakfast Pizza ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Goulash, Corn, Dinner Bun, Pineapple ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese	21 French Toast Tornado ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Walking Taco. Lettuce, Peaches ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese	22 Mini Donuts & Sausage Patty ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Shredded Pork on Bun, Baked Beans, Orange Slices ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese	23 Pancakes ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Macaroni & Cheese, Dinner Bun, Green Beans, Pears ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese
26 Breakfast Pizza ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Pork Patty on Bun, French Fries, Mandarin Oranges ALTERNATE : Ham & Cheese	27 Omelet & Toast ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Nachos, Corn, Peaches ALTERNATE : Turkey & Cheese	28 Muffin & Links ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Mini Corn Dogs, Potato Smiles, Dinner Bun, Applesauce ALTERNATE : Bologna & Cheese		