



From the Superintendent's desk:

Now that we have settled into another school year, I want to thank the students, parents and faculty for helping get the 2017-2018 school year off to such a wonderful start. From both a Superintendent and parent standpoint, it's nice to get back into a routine. I want to share with our parents and patrons that our enrollment has again increased over where we ended the 2016-17 school year. In a time where most rural schools are having declining enrollment, our enrollment is currently at 245 students, this is an increase of eight students over the final student count of 237 in May. To our new students and parents, I want to welcome and thank you for wanting to be a part of the Humphrey Bulldog family and school.

I want to recognize several students and programs in our school. The first person I want to recognize is Danie Brandl, Danie is a junior at Humphrey Public who applied last spring and was accepted to serve on the Nebraska Governors Youth Advisory Council. The Nebraska Governor's Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) is a group of students ages 14-19 from across the state. Danie and the other students will have the opportunity to meet four times a year to discuss challenges facing the youth of Nebraska. They will meet twice with Governor Ricketts, in which students present their ideas to him. Before their meeting with the governor, they will spend a day putting together presentations by looking at the legislative process and selecting the legislative bills they feel are most important to the lives of youth in the state. The youth council will also have discussions with state senators to share our ideas with them. GYAC presents students with an incredible opportunity to be heard and change the direction of Nebraska. Congratulations to Danie, we are very proud to have you represent our school and today's youth.

My next congratulations go out to three former FFA members who have earned the highest degree in FFA which is the American Degree. The three students are Jacob Luedtke, Holly Podliska and Grant Classen. They will receive their degrees at the fall FFA National Convention. I also want to recognize and congratulate Chris Bialas who has been accepted to perform with the National FFA Band also at the fall National FFA Convention. Another outstanding achievement was earned by former FFA member and 2017 Bulldog graduate Michayla Goedeken, Michayla received a Gold on her Agriscience Proficiency. My last congratulations go out to Mrs. Graham, our outstanding FFA advisor and all the FFA members who earned a Two Star National Chapter Rating. Great things are once again happening in the FFA chapter and you all should be very proud of your accomplishments.

As we begin the 5th year of our cooperative activities with Lindsay Holy Family, I want to remind and encourage our fans to display positive sportsmanship at all activities. Humphrey Public takes great pride in representing our school with respect and dignity. While you are sitting in the stands, encourage fans from both schools to display positive sportsmanship at all contests for the benefit of our student-athletes and school. I appreciate your cooperation!

I want to wish you an awesome September, this newsletter will end similar to others, if you ever have any questions, please call and get the answers. This will help curb misinformation and eliminate rumors, which are greatly appreciated by the teachers and me.

Mr. Sjuts



***From the Principal's Desk:***



With the 2017-2018 school year underway, the hallways have been buzzing with excitement from both students and staff. We have had a fantastic start to our school year. It has been great to have everyone back in the building.

I would like to thank all who attended the Technology Boot Camp. I understand schedules are busy with the new school year starting, however we greatly appreciate your assistance in keeping our 1:1 program safe for our students. We decided to keep our presentation in-house and we hope the information was helpful as we begin another school year. We had a great turnout for the presentation. Mr. Sjuts mentioned we are working on a date to have Karen Haase visit to present to our students, staff, and parents. I have heard her speak before and her information is very powerful. We will pass along details when they become finalized.

The Fun Fair / Open House also had a great turn out for the evening festivities. The event took place a week earlier than last year and I have heard a lot of positive feedback on that. I think it was great to hold the event on the first week of school as students are excited to show off their classroom and for school in general. Thank you to all that were able to attend.

As we get into the swing of things with school activities, please make sure that you are checking out our website for schedule updates. We are in the process of upgrading our website. Our goal is to have it go live by the end of the first quarter. In addition to our website, make sure to follow HPS Bulldogs on Facebook for updates as well. If you ever have any questions pertaining to the schedule, please contact the school office.

With a new year beginning, that means another round of assessments. The elementary students have started their DIBELS testing and will be finishing up before leaving for Labor Day break. The district MAP assessments will begin Monday, September 11, 2017. The MAP assessments provide valuable feedback on student growth and identifies certain areas of weakness. When we begin these assessments, it is important that our students get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast so that they can test to the best of their abilities.

I want to thank our bus route drivers, Rich, Randy, Charlie, & Paul for all they do to help get our students to school and home safely. Last year, with the addition of preschool, we added extra riders. There are certain guidelines that we must follow for our riders under the age of six. With the addition of riders and the guidelines, our routes are pretty full, with limited space for additional riders. I understand there are times when we have additional riders that are not regular riders. We ask in those situations that parents contact the school for approval of additional riders with your student. For example, if a student is staying with you because their parents/guardians are leaving town and their child is to ride home with your student, please contact the school so that we can make sure there is enough room on the bus for additional riders.



The last thing that I would like to remind parents is calling in to the school office to let us know of your student being absent. Students in grades 7-12 are to fill out a slip and have it signed by their teachers. That slip is to be turned into the office. Even though the students have turned those in, we still need notification from parents that students will be gone. Notification can be by phone call, email, or note. If attending an appointment of any kind, please make sure to have a note signed by the staff of the medical facility your appointment was held. Those can be brought into the school office or they can be faxed. If being faxed, please call and check to see that we received them. Sometimes they don't always come through. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

As I wrap up my letter, I would recommend that you continue to have conversations with your children about positive character traits. Our staff does their best to make every moment a teachable moment. From home to school, as a team, we will prepare each student to be successful individuals. If you ever have any questions or would like to talk, please feel free to stop in my office or give me a call. My door is always open.

***Mr. King***

# Health News

In the ongoing attempt to keep everyone up to date and as healthy as we can, we are going to continue to add some additional information to the newsletter!

We have already seen a couple cases of strep throat in the first couple weeks of school. The best ways to prevent strep throat is to cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough, do not share food or drinks, wash your hands often and wash your dishes with warm soapy water. Strep throat isn't just a sore throat – it is highly contagious, and often accompanied by a fever and white dots in the throat. It is only treated with antibiotics which need prescribed by your doctor. When in doubt, get it checked out.



Important information to remember about medications at school:

**ALL** medicines (prescriptions and over the counter medicines including Tylenol and Advil) need to be kept in the office. Medicines need to be in the original bottle and the parental consent authorization form needs to be filled out and signed by a parent before these medicines can be given.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call. Thank You, *Jen Nolan*



Greetings from the Counselor,



Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break; I know I certainly enjoyed the warm weather and summer festivities. It is great to be back for my second year with Humphrey Public Schools. Similar to last year, I will write monthly to share some information. In regards to the elementary, I will share the topics we have discussed and those we plan to discuss in the near future. I will provide the Junior High and High School Students with helpful tips, information, and encouraged tasks to complete within the month. If there is ever a concern you would like addressed in the elementary, or information shared with many students, please feel free to contact me. I would love to include the information.

**Elementary:** The first month in Guidance, we will refresh with an introduction, expectations, and ice breakers. We have many new students throughout the entire school. I will take this time to get to know them further as well as our awesome students returning. We will move into topics of peer relationships, bullying, friendship, and hygiene.

**Junior High:** To the seventh graders, welcome to the other side of the building. Remember with more freedom comes more responsibility. It is up to you all to make sure you are asking questions if you do not understand, turning in your homework on time, and communicating to your teachers and parents on necessary items such as being absent for a school activity. To the eighth graders, remember that you were the most recent ones in the seventh graders positions. Please, help them out with necessary advice or assistance when needed. Also, set a good example of work ethic and school spirit to build a stronger community. Remember your grades are important, and in classes such as Algebra, begin affecting your high school GPA. Remember to stay organized and work hard in all that you do.

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Grades matter. Many students find it difficult to get an ACT score they would really like to have. ACT scores do play a big roll in your future with college admittance and scholarships. Another key component in that is your GPA and class rank. If your GPA is high, it can help offset an ACT score that is not where you would like it to be. On the topic of the ACT, consider the option of taking the ACT as an underclassman. You should all be aware of the switch from NESA to ACT as juniors. In order to prepare yourselves, sometimes it is beneficial to know what the test will be like by taking it when you are younger. This is not required but something to consider. Also, begin to research colleges you have an interest in. Check if these colleges have the degree that you would like to pursue, and then do some more research. Please, see me if you have any questions at all.

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** You are all at the big ACT year. Last year, the state of Nebraska transitioned from the NESA state assessment for juniors and switched to the ACT. This provides the opportunity for all students to take the ACT free of charge as well as having access to beneficial preparatory materials. On top of the state ACT, you may be interested in taking the ACT on your own. In order to do this, register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). You will be able to create an account and register for a future test. Pay attention to registration deadlines. For example, the registration deadline for the September ACT is passed. The next ACT available to register for is October 28 with a deadline to register of September 22. The test costs \$46.00 without writing and \$62.50 with writing. The State ACT will include writing. Many ask the question of whether or not writing is necessary. Colleges do not typically require a writing score. It is beneficial if planning to pursue a degree that includes writing such as



journalism. If your family qualifies for free and reduced lunches or at an income that would qualify, please see me. We have available fee waivers that cover the test costs.

Also in your junior year, you will want to begin doing more research on colleges, including visiting them. If interested, there is a Lincoln Area College Fair at Southeast Community College in Lincoln on Sunday, September 24, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. There is also an Omaha Area College Fair on Sunday, October 1 at the UNO Sapp Fieldhouse from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The College fairs include area colleges and gives you the opportunity to speak to many colleges at one location. You may ask questions in regards to admission requirements, scholarships, and degree possibilities. Please, let me know if you have any questions.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Welcome to the top of the pyramid. Please, remember how many students are looking up to you to set a good example. Begin to narrow down your career choice and college choice. If you are not sure on a destination, make sure to visit the colleges as soon as you can. I can also help you narrow down if you would like. There are only two more ACT tests that colleges are guaranteed to accept. The October test and December test. If you are unhappy with your score, you may want to consider one of these test options. Another topic to be familiar with is the FAFSA. This determines what aid you may receive while in college. Beginning on October 1, you will be able to fill out the FAFSA. In order to do so, you and ONE parent will need to have FSA Ids. You can create these on [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov). Do not stress too much about this. We will have a FAFSA night to help with many of the concerns you may be experiencing. I am also available to help whenever possible.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will do my best to answer them as soon as possible.

It is a great day to be a Bulldog!

Miss Oelsigle  
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# Grandparents Breakfast

Humphrey Public School is inviting  
Grandparents of our students to come &  
have breakfast with their Grandchildren on  
Friday, September 8 at 7:00 am.  
Any questions, please call the office (402)  
923-1230.



# Humphrey Public School

## September 2017 Lunch Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



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.

Lunch alternates must be requested by 9:00 am

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<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Sausage Gravy over Biscuits ALTERNATE: Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Chicken Alfredo over Noodles, Green Beans, Peaches, Breadstick ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Frosted Long John &amp; Links ALTERNATE: Ham, Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Nachos and Trimmings, Corn, Pears ALTERNATE: Turkey &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Yogurt Cup ALTERNATE: Bacon &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets, Broccoli, Star Apple, Dinner Bun ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>8</p> <p>French Toast ALTERNATE: Sausage &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Hamburger on Bun, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges ALTERNATE: Bologna &amp; Cheese</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Spicy or Plain Chicken Patty on Bun, Corn, Pears ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pancakes with Syrup ALTERNATE: Bacon, Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Peaches, Breadstick ALTERNATE: Turkey &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs &amp; Toast ALTERNATE: Sausage &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Beef 'n Bean Burrito, Peas, Pineapple ALTERNATE: Bologna &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Cinnamon Roll ALTERNATE: Ham, Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Mini Corn Dogs, Broccoli, Orange Slices, Dinner Bun ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Belgium Waffle ALTERNATE: Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Sloppy Jo on Bun, Baked Beans, Banana ALTERNATE: Turkey &amp; Cheese</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Mini Donuts &amp; Links ALTERNATE: Sausage, Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Chicken Fajita over Rice, Green Beans, Mandarin ALTERNATE: Bologna &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Pancake on a Stick ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Walking Taco, Corn, Pears ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pancakes with Syrup ALTERNATE: Bacon &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Country Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Peaches ALTERNATE: Turkey &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Muffin ALTERNATE: Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Meatball Sub, Baked Beans, Apple half ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Breakfast Burrito ALTERNATE: Sausage &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Fiestada, Corn, Pineapple, Cookie ALTERNATE: Bologna &amp; Cheese</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Raspberry Crumb Cake ALTERNATE: Bacon, Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Breaded Pork Patty on Bun, Baked Beans, Peaches ALTERNATE: Turkey &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Tater Tot Casserole, Corn, Mixed Fruit ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>French Toast ALTERNATE: Sausage &amp; Egg ~~~~~ Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Pears ALTERNATE: Bologna &amp; Cheese</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Frosted Long John ALTERNATE: Egg &amp; Cheese ~~~~~ Bulldog Burger, Tater Tots, Mandarin Oranges ALTERNATE: Ham &amp; Cheese</p>



Hello, my name is Christina Hastreiter. I am the new Special Education teacher here at Humphrey Public. I have my Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Science from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. I have seven years of experience working with children with verified disabilities at the Center in both the Humphrey and Columbus locations. This is where I discovered my passion for helping children with special needs. I decided to go back to school to get my teaching endorsement in Special Education K-12. I then received my endorsement through Wayne State College. I worked at Lakeview Community Schools for one year after completing my student teaching requirement. When the Special Education position opened up here at Humphrey Public, I was excited to jump at the opportunity.

I have been in the Humphrey community for 17 years. I am married to a Humphrey native and graduate of Humphrey Public, Dan Hastreiter. I have two beautiful daughters, Jalyssa in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Ava in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They both attend St. Francis School. They are both very active in community and school activities. I enjoy spending time with my family and when I have time, I enjoy watching movies and reading a good book.

I am excited to be working in my home community and begin my next adventure. I look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you. Take care and I wish everyone a great school year!

Mrs. Hastreiter



# Welcome to Kindergarten



My name is Allie Goering. I grew up in Columbus, Nebraska with my family of four including my mom, dad and older sister. I graduated from Columbus High School in 2013 and graduated from Wayne State College with my Early Childhood Inclusive degree in 2016. I also recently married Reed Goering on December 10, 2016. We live north of Platte Center, NE with our 3 Siberian Husky dogs on the family farm where my husband grew up. This is my second year of teaching kindergarten. I used to teach in the Columbus Public School district but always had hoped to someday get a position here in the Humphrey Public school district. I look forward to being a part of the HPS district and getting to know everyone involved. I love the family-feel that HPS has and look forward to working in this district hopefully for many years to come. I am very excited to start this new school year with my kindergarten students as well as with the rest of the Humphrey community.



I would like to welcome everyone to a new school year in Bulldog country. It is my first year at this school and it is already proving to be a joy teaching your kiddos in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. One new concept I want to bring to the table is a desire to teach financial literacy in the younger grades. Understanding the concept of money, debt, credit, and saving is crucial to securing a more enjoyable life, in my opinion.

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade this year, we will be implementing a classroom economy to teach everyone some valuable lessons on money management, business ownership, organizational skills, and the value of saving. Each student has a job in the class, in which they will receive a weekly salary. These students will also have the opportunity to earn more as they accomplish class and personal goals throughout the year. Likewise, they may lose money for irresponsible behavior. At the end of each month, the students will pay rent for their desks to show them the responsibility of saving their money in order to pay off their bills. My goal is to instill a sense of responsibility that has real-life application to your kids. Their hard work shall be rewarded as every month (excluding August), we will have a class shop in which students will have the opportunity to buy prizes at our class shop.

Students will also have the opportunity to earn money by operating small businesses of their own design. My goal is to teach students the joy of running a business as well as attention to detail that is required. This is purely optional, as I understand kids often ask their parents to help which can be difficult. However, I hope that this will provide both a fun learning environment as well as some powerful life skills for your children.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the classroom economy, please notify Alex Callan at Humphrey Public. I am always looking for new prizes and ideas for this project as well as for our classroom shops and end-of-year classroom auction. Thank you for your unending service and dedication to the betterment of the futures of our children.



# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Activities subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc.					1 JH CC at Madison Invite 3:00  FB vs Nebraska Christian at LHF 7:00	2  SB at Boone Central Tourney 10:00
3	4  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  Booster Club Mtg 7:00 Post Prom Mtg 8:00	5 SB at O'Neill/Boone Central 4:30 JH FB vs Osceola/High Plains at LHF 4:30 JV FB at Pender 5:30 VB vs GACC at LHF C/JV/V 5:30	6	7  SB vs Pierce JV/V 5:00/6:30  VB at North Bend C/JV/V 5:00	8  FB Bye Week JH/HS CC at Norfolk Catholic Invite	9  JH VB at Clarkson Tourney  VB at Friend Tourney SB at Lakeview Tourney 10:00
10	11 JH FB vs Howells-Dodge at HHS 4:30  JH VB at Clarkson-Leigh B/A 5:00/6:00  JV FB vs Howells Dodge at HHS 6:00	12 VB at BRLC/OC Triangular at Oakland-Craig 5:00  SB at Ponca JV/V 5:00/6:30	13  <b>PICTURE DAY</b>  FFA Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island	14 JH/HS CC at Scotus Invite 4:30  VB at HP/CL Triangular at Clarkson-Leigh 5:00  SB at Omaha Mercy JV/V 5:00/6:30	15  FB vs Nebraska Lutheran at LHF 7:00 <i>*Parent's Night*</i>	16  VB at Bartlett Tourney
17	18 JH VB at Madison B/A 4:00/5:00  SB at DC Aquinas JV/V 5:00/6:30  JV FB at Osmond at LHF 6:30	19  VB at LV/WPB Triangular at HHS 5:00	20  FFA Mtg 7:30 am  <b>1:00 Dismissal</b> Teacher InService	21  SB at DC/Cross County 4:30  VS vs Scribner-Snyder at LHF C/JV/V 5:30	22  JH/HS CC at Boone Central Invite 4:30  FB at EPPJ 7:00	23  SB at EHC Tourney in Madison
24	25 HS CC at UNK Invite 1:30 SB Triangular at Madison 4:30  JH VB at EPPJ B/A 4:30/5:30  JH FB at EPPJ 4:30 C/JV VB at EPPJ 6:30/7:30 JV FB at EPPJ 6:00	26 FFA District Greenhand at CCC  SB vs Tekamah-Herman at Madison JV/V 5:00/6:30  VB at Pender C/JV/V 5:30	27  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	28  JH/HS CC at Stanton Invite 4:00  SB vs Hwy 91 in Leigh 6:30	29  FB at High Plains 7:00 Elementary Talent Show	30  VB at Clarkson Tourney  JV VB at Stanton Tourney