



# HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Home of the Bulldogs*

From the Superintendent's desk:

It is hard to believe that we are so close to the end of another great year at Humphrey Public Schools! The spring months always seem to fly by with track meets, awards ceremonies, elementary field trips, State FFA & FCCLA, graduation and the anticipation for summer vacation.

I want to start off my letter by congratulating our Bulldog Speech team on an outstanding season. They represented Humphrey High well at the state speech meet with multiple individuals placing in the top six in their events. Overall, the team placed 4th at the state speech meet. This was quite the accomplishment as the team competed in class C2 this year, previously competing in class D1 for the past several years. Congratulations to the entire team and their coaches!

Other exciting news, Ms. Oelsigle was the recipient of the Nebraska School Counselor of the Year Award. Ms. Oelsigle received her award at an awards ceremony in Lincoln. She will represent the School Counselors Association in Washington D.C. next February and is a nominee for the National School Counselor Award. We greatly appreciate everything Ms. Oelsigle does for our students, school, and community!

The Nebraska Rural Community Schools Spring Conference was held on Thursday, March 14 in Kearney, NE. The Humphrey FFA Chapter was selected to present on their projects with Crop Production and Floral Sales. Mrs. Graham and two students provided great information within their presentation and proudly represented Humphrey Public Schools and the FFA Chapter. It is always a great opportunity to highlight the great things we have going on within our school at a state conference for school administrators.

Humphrey Public Schools completed our 5-year school improvement external visit that is required as part of Rule 10 accreditation requirements. The visit was completed on March 18 & 19. There were five team members present in our district to conduct the visit. Team members consisted of a superintendent, two principals, an ESU professional development coordinator, and a school district instructional coach. The team reviewed achievement data, district processes for academics and interventions, and interviewed a variety of students and stakeholders. The visit was a very positive experience and the team was very complimentary of Humphrey Public Schools and the great things we have established within our school system. They provided great feedback for our staff and administration to consider as we start the process of selecting goals for the next 5-year cycle.

As I end my letter, I will continue to do my very best to model the importance of respect for self and others, promote Bulldog pride in our school, provide a safe and productive environment and provide educational opportunities for our students and staff. It is my goal that every student has a positive and rewarding experience here at Humphrey Public School. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call or schedule a time to meet. My door is always open. Have a great April & GO BULLDOGS!!!

*Mr. King*



# THE BULLDOG

## NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

April 2024

Hope everyone had a great Easter season and was able to visit family. Now that April is in full swing there are a few things to remember.

- If you would like to allow your student to go to a school activity to watch, such as track and golf. Please complete the following. 1. Call the office to allow your student to be released for that activity. I ask that you do this at least a day before the event. 2. Have your student complete a yellow release form by the teachers so that any class work is understood. I am asking the students to complete these steps to eliminate any confusion in the office, classroom, and cafeteria. Please do not call the day of the activity to have your student released to go watch a meet. Please plan ahead of time.
- The Jrs did a great job of completing the ACT test last month. The rest of the 7-10 students will be completing a few tests in April. Grades 7 and 8 will complete the NSCAS test in Science, Math, and English. Grades 7-10 will complete the MAPs test later on in April.
- State FFA and FCCLA will be held the first two weeks of April. Make sure you wish those groups good luck at their respective events.
- April is full of multiple activities. Please check your calendars for these events and please keep an eye on your students' grades and finish strong.
- Prom will be April 6<sup>th</sup>. Events for the evening will be at HHS starting at 5:30pm and then transition to the Community Center for Post Prom later in the evening.
- If you have a student who needs/wants to complete drivers' education. We are currently accepting applications. Note: This class does have a cap and will fill up quickly.
- Graduation will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

Thank you.

*Mr. Kirby*



# *April*

## *Elementary*

## *News*

### **From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:**

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of April! The school year has been flying by. I am ready for spring and summer weather to stick around.

With every spring comes another round of assessments. We will be conducting both district and state assessments towards the end of March and into April. It is highly important that your student be in school on the testing dates, as it gets a little tricky to get those tests made up on time.

On Friday, March 22, 2024, we held Preschool Round-Up and the Kindergarten Meet and Greet in Humphrey. It was great to see our students and families excited about the 24-25 school year. We will be holding our Kindergarten Round-Up in Lindsay on Friday, April 12, 2024.

We have been accepting applications for our three and four year old preschool for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have a child in that age range and you have not completed an application form, please give the school office a call so we can get an application sent to you. Applications will be accepted through the end of May.

A few events that will be coming up in the elementary are as follows:

- Elementary music concert is Thursday, May 2, 2024 starting at 6:30pm.
- Elementary Awards / Track and Field Day is Monday, May 6, 2024. We will do awards in the morning, students will eat lunch at school and then head down to the track.
- Elementary field trips:
  - 1st & 2nd Grade (Omaha Zoo) - Monday, May 13, 2024
  - 3rd Grade (Ashfalls) - Friday, May 10, 2024
  - 4th Grade (Fort Hartsuff) - Thursday, April 25, 2024
  - 5th Grade (Stuhr Museum) - Friday, May 3, 2024
  - 6th Grade (Kearney Archway) - Friday, April 26, 2024

As always, HAPPY APRIL! It has been a GREAT school year and we will continue this through the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. In closing, we will continue to strive to be our Bulldog BEST every day! If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

*Educationally yours,*  
*Mr. Rathje*

# APRIL

Greetings from the Counselor,

Welcome to April! Looking back on my past few April newsletters, I was reminded of just how different the month of April has been for the past few school years. I bet I am not alone when fearing this time of year due to the unpredictability of the past few springs whether it was a flood for the ages, a world-wide pandemic, or adjusting to a new normal. If these unprecedented times have taught me anything, it is that we are a nation, most specifically, a community of resilient people. If there are any lingering effects of the tragedies, please to not hesitate to reach out to me!

This is a busy time of year. State Testing like NSCAS and MAPS are right around the corner. Please, make sure that your children are getting a good night's sleep, eating appropriately, and playing outside as much as possible. All of these events will help your children to perform at their best ability. With that being said, remember that your child is more than any number or score from a test, and I am so lucky to get to know them. Testing time may be frustrating, but it is necessary. Let's finish this year strong!

**Elementary in review:** Two major topics that we have recently covered are college and career exploration. We feel that it is our mission to help students see benefits of preparing for their futures now. We explored the various paths including but not limited to: entering the work force, attending a trade school, attending a University and earning a Bachelor's Degree, attending a Community College and earning an Associate's Degree, and post graduate level education and careers. We understand that there are so many possible options for our students. We want their future to be the best it can be for each individual student. We believe that exploring possible colleges and careers at a younger age, our students will be more prepared to make important decisions as they graduate high school.

We will continue to discuss building for our futures. This may come in the form of social skills, study habits, summer habits, teamwork, school spirit, and more. If ever you notice a topic that needs discussed, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

### **Junior High:**

To the 8<sup>th</sup> graders, if there is anything you are worried about moving forward into high school, please ask. When I say to ask, I do not mean just me, but perhaps upper classmen, other teachers and staff within the building. It can be a bit intimidating, but we want to help make the process as smooth for you as possible. As you move into high school, remember how important it is to show up to school and on time, be involved within the school, and maintain good grades and behavior in the classroom.

To the 7<sup>th</sup> graders, you will now be leaders to a new group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Please, lead by example and help out whenever needed. Set yourselves up for success, and ask questions if you have them. We are all here to help.

I encourage the entire junior high to continue to consider future career plans. One of the best ways to do this is to talk to people. Networking will prove to be a huge advantage for you all in the future. Build relationships with people now, they could pay off in the future. As always, never be afraid to ask questions, and finish this year off strong!

### **9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

1. You've almost done it! Not much longer and you move up a step on the ladder. Continue to work hard, show up on time, be involved, and it will pay off.
2. Many of you have been involved in numerous activities, which is awesome! When you are a junior and senior, it may come time to put any accolades received from the activities into a form of resume. I encourage all of you to be writing down all of these accomplishments so that when it comes time to create a resume, you do not have to remember everything you have done, because it is already written some place. I would suggest a Google Doc or Education Quest's Activities Resume. If you are interested in the Activities Resume option, please create an account at [www.educationquest.com](http://www.educationquest.com). After you have created the account, you will find a box titled "Activities Resume." You may then enter any school activities, community activities, and awards that you may have been involved in or received. As long as you always remember your password, or save it somewhere, you will have access to this resume.
3. I challenge all of you to be leaders for underclassmen. This means to set good examples by being involved, helping others, and working hard. The school atmosphere depends largely upon all of you. It is what you make it, so make it great!

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

1. It has reached April. You just recently took the ACT. I know you all tried your best, and I am so hopeful your scores make you happy. Please, know you are not defined by this score, though. It's just one test.
2. In case you are interested in taking the ACT again over the summer, you will all still have access to your On To College accounts where you can take a refresher course on John Baylor's grammar tips right before testing.
3. How important is the ACT? It can mean the difference in attending college for free or needing to go into debt to afford college. It can mean the difference in being accepted to certain colleges or not. It can mean having to take remedial courses in college or being able to take the courses right away that are needed for your degree. Many colleges have started to accept super scores, which is the average of all the highest scores in each sub test. Therefore, if you don't have the score you want after one test, please don't give up. Try again!
4. As always, please continue to research future careers and colleges. Campus visits are huge in helping to determine a good fit for you. Please, let me know if you would like me to set up a visit or if you would like to do so on your own. Job Shadows are good opportunities to look at future careers as well. If you need help with this, please let me know.

## **12<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

1. You are almost finished, but not yet. Please, continue to work hard, show up to class, and maintain good grades. Colleges can still deny you if there are many slips in your academic performance.
2. Many of you have been involved over the years, and I believe it will pay off. One of employers' biggest complaints is that students are not coming prepared with time management skills, which ultimately leads to individuals not showing up for work on time. I hope that being involved and through other experiences that you all have developed time management skills along with many of the other necessary skills to be successful in your future.
3. Many of you will be notified of scholarship awards in upcoming weeks. When you are notified, please send me an email or stop in to let me know. This will make it easier on both of us as I fill out your future plans, and award amounts for graduation. In May, or before graduation, I will need to speak with each of you about future plans. This will ensure that I send out all necessary transcripts, and tie up all loose ends. Please, let me know if you have any questions.

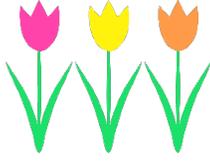
As always, please contact me with any questions you might have. If I do not know the answer, I will find it.

It's a great day to be a Bulldog!

Cami Oelsligle  
PK-12 School Counselor  
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# Humphrey Public School

## April 2024 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 *Golf @ Osceola	3 *State FFA	4 *State FFA	5 *State FFA *JH Speech @ Albion	6 <b>PROM</b>
7 *State FCCLA *Booster Club Meeting	8 *State FCCLA *School Board Meeting	9 *State FCCLA *HS Track @ Nelgh-Oakdale *Golf @ Humphrey	10 *Banking in School	11 *FFA Meeting *JH Track @ HHS	12 *Elementary Title Night	13 *JH Speech @ Twin River *9/10 Track @ Wisner
14	15 *Senior Sneak Day	16 *District Quiz Bowl @ CCC *Golf @ Beemer	17 *Banking in School *3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Safety Day	18 *HS Track @ Palmer *JH Track @ Lyons	19 *District Music Contest @ Columbus *FFA Banquet	20 *JH Dance
21	22 *JH Track @ HHS *Golf @ HHS	23 *HS Track @ HHS	24 1:00pm Student Dismissal	25 *Golf @ HHS	26	27 *JH Speech @ Wayne *HS EHC Track @ Oakland
28 	29 *JH Track @ Wisner	30 *JH/HS Spring Concert & Academic Awards	Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin and the School website for the most up to date information. Thank You! <a href="http://www.humphreybulldogs.org">www.humphreybulldogs.org</a>			

# Humphrey Public School

## April 2024 Menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>1</p>  <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Walking Taco Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Spaghetti Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>BBQ Pork on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Goulash Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Hoagie Sandwich Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Sloppy Joe on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs/Cheesy Pull Aparts/Hamburger on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Drumsticks Baked Potato Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Popcorn Shrimp/ Mac N Cheese Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken &amp; Waffles Potato Smiles Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Flying Saucer Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Breakfast Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Bowls Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Walking Taco Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chili/Soup Cinnamon Roll Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Menus subject to change.</p> <p>Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, 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></p> <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider &amp; employer</p> </div>		