



## APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER

From the Superintendent's desk:

"It's a great day to be a Bulldog". You could actually say "It's been a great month and school year to be a Bulldog". The month of March started off with the Humphrey-Lindsay Holy Family Bulldog girls' basketball team participating in the Class D-1 State Basketball tournament, played with tremendous heart, and took Archbishop Bergan down to the wire before losing in the first-round game. The second week of March, the Humphrey-Lindsay Holy Family Bulldog boys' basketball team traveled to Lincoln to beat Southern Valley, North Platte St. Patrick's, and Howells-Dodge in consecutive days to win the Class D-1 Boys State Basketball championship trophy. The championship game vs Howells-Dodge was an awesome game. The Bulldog team showed tremendous resilience and determination to fight back and win the game in overtime to earn the title.

The third week of March, the Humphrey Bulldog Speech team traveled to Kearney for the Class D-1 State Speech meet. Mrs. Hogancamp and Mrs. Lovercheck had the speech students prepared and they rocked Kearney High School winning the Class D-1 State Speech Championship outscoring runner-up Wausa 124-120. The entire speech team did an awesome job and I believe they were on a mission to win the championship after not being able to participate in last year's speech meet due to COVID-19. A special congratulations to Oriana Kuehler who won three individual gold medals in Entertainment, Poetry, and Serious Prose. Based on information from the NSAA, Oriana is the first student to win three gold medals since they started allowing students to participate in three different events. This is a remarkable achievement, congratulations Oriana!!!

The accomplishments of the girls' basketball team, the boys' basketball team, and the speech team are outstanding and something we will cherish for a long time. Winning is a direct result of tremendous leadership and guidance by our coaches, as well as a lot of hard work by students during the season and in the summer. When you combine outstanding leadership with students who are willing to put in countless hours and work hard to excel, you are going to have fantastic programs and that is exactly what we have at Humphrey Public School. Congratulations to the girls' basketball team, the boys' basketball team, the speech team and all the coaches on your outstanding seasons! I know I speak for our entire school when I say that we are proud to be a BULLDOG!!!

As we enter the final month of school, I am asking for our parents and students support to continue following our mask guidelines. I know it hasn't been easy to wear masks, we have worn them every day, and have battled this pandemic this school year. I need your help because the battle against the coronavirus has not ended. Based on the increase in positive cases/quarantines in late March/early April, we need to stay diligent to continue wearing masks in school and on school transportation. This is not an option. If we have a positive case and

you are not wearing masks, you will need to quarantine for a set number of days according to our district health guidelines and protocols. I DO NOT want any students to miss school or activities because I know how important education and participating in activities are to students. At the beginning of the year, Humphrey Public School shared three goals: Goal #1 was to keep our students with in-person learning and not have to go to remote learning. Goal #2 was to keep our students and staff safe and healthy. Goal #3 was to keep our students participating in activities. To the credit and support of our staff, students, and parents, we have been able to achieve our goals. I've told many people throughout the year, that until this pandemic is over, we must work together and stay positive. Please continue to wear masks for the safety of everyone involved and, if you are willing to, please get the vaccination to keep you and others as healthy as possible from the virus.

Because our Graduation is on May 1 this year, I want to share a few thoughts with our 2021 seniors. During conversations with seniors in the hallway or in classrooms, I've asked them how many days of school they had left. I was anticipating an exact number but most shrugged their shoulders and said they thought about 30 days. I reminded them of our class meeting the first day of school and how fast their senior year has gone by to which they agreed. As I walked into my office, I thought back to my last day as a senior at Humphrey Public School. I was excited, but at the same time, there was some disappointment. Humphrey Public School was a great place to go to school because of my friends and awesome teachers who truly cared about me. My belief is this group of seniors will have similar feelings about how fast the year has gone, being excited about graduating, a bit sad to leave their friends, teachers and family while also being ready to take their next step in life.

I want to remind and invite all parents and students to our graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m., when 14 seniors will walk across the stage one final time as students of Humphrey Public School to receive their diplomas. I hope the seniors enjoy their final days as students at HHS and realize the sense of pride and accomplishment each of them has achieved. I want to thank each senior for his or her cooperation, support, flexibility, and tremendous leadership throughout the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they have had to endure many changes that other classes haven't had to deal with. I want them to know how much I've appreciated their positive attitudes and willingness to abide by the mask mandates. In conclusion, I want to wish our 14 seniors much happiness and success in their future. Congratulations to the class of 2021!!

For the remainder of this school year, we will do our best to keep you updated via our student announcements with any changes, school related information, and communications. This newsletter will end as the others do, should you ever have any questions, please call and get the answers. This will curb misinformation, eliminate rumors, and get your concerns answered. Clear and open communication between the community and the school are vital areas in the success of our school.

Have a fantastic April.  
Mr. Sjuts



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

Welcome to April everyone! As always, I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. I don't know about you, but I am ready for consistently nice weather. As we start the downhill slide to our school year, we have begun our spring testing sessions. Students have been completing the MAP assessment. Students in grades 3-8 will be completing the statewide Assessment NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System.) Grades 3-8 will begin taking the NSCAS assessment mid April. It is important that your child is in attendance for these assessments so they are not missing out on additional instructional time to make up the assessments. Finally, our DIBELS assessments will be completed by our elementary students in May.



The 2021-2022 class schedule for JH/HS is in the final stages of completion. We will be communicating with families about class registration to sign up for classes for students in grades 9-12 for next year. Details will be communicated towards the end of April. If you have any questions during that process, please contact Ms. Oelsigle and she would be happy to assist.



Our HLHF Activity Awards night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00pm at Lindsay Holy Family. This is a special time to recognize our student athletes for all of their accomplishments. Our Elementary Track and Field Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11. We will also be having our Elementary Awards on the same day. Additional details regarding these two events will be communicated later in April. I wanted to pass along the date so you can get it put on your calendars.

It has been a very busy Spring for Humphrey High and our HLHF Coop. Both Girls and Boys basketball teams qualified for the 2021 State Basketball Tournament. Our boys were crowned the Class D1 State Champions. Our Humphrey High speech team qualified 15 events for State Speech. With their outstanding performance, they were crowned the D1 State Champions. This is the Speech teams third state championship in five years.



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.



**MR. KING**  
**PK-12 PRINCIPAL**



Greetings from the Counselor,

Welcome to April! Looking back on my past two April newsletters, I was reminded of just how different the month of April has been for the past two years. I bet I am not alone when fearing this time of year due to the unpredictability of the past two springs whether it was a flood for the ages or a world-wide pandemic. 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 do not hesitate to reach out to me!

This is a busy time of year. State Testing like NSCAS, MAPS, and ACT 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. 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. 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!

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# Humphrey Public School

## April 2021 Menus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div> <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>			<p>1</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Mr. Ribb on Bun Green Beans Star Apple</p>	<p>2</p> 
<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Patty on Bun Steamed Peas Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Goulash Corn Peaches Dinner Bun</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Ham &amp; Noodles Green Beans Applesauce Dinner Roll</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Bulldog Burger French Fries Pears</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Shredded BBQ Pork on Bun Green Beans Peaches</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Fajita over Rice Broccoli Apple</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Soft Shell Taco Corn Pineapple</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Cooks Choice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Stuffed Crust Pizza Romaine Lettuce Mandarin Oranges</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Spaghetti &amp; Meat Sauce Green Beans Pears Bread Stick</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Beef N Bean Burrito Or Hot Dog Tri Tater Potato Chips Applesauce</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chinese over Rice Broccoli Pineapple Cookie</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Beef Nachos &amp; Trimmings Lettuce Corn Peaches</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Pork Patty on Bun Corn or Carrots Orange Slices</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs Corn or Peas Mandarin Oranges Dinner Bun</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Strawberries Dinner Bun</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Flying Saucer Corn Applesauce Chocolate Cake</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets French Fries Pears Dinner Bun (Seniors Runza or Pigs in a Blanket)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Fiestada Romaine Lettuce Peaches</p>

# Humphrey Public School

## April 2021 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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>				1	2 	3
4	5  *HS Track @ David City *Booster Club/Post Prom Mtg	6 *HS Golf @ Osceola	7 *FFA State Convention	8 *JH Track @ Wisner *HS Golf @ HHS *FFA State Convention	9 *HHS Kindergarten Round-Up 2:30pm *FFA State Convention	10 *9/10 Grade Track @ Wisner *JH Speech @ Fremont Bergan
11	12 *JH Track @ Albion *HS Golf @ HHS *School Board Mtg 7:30am	13 *8 <sup>th</sup> Grade College Visit *HS Track @ Neligh-Oakdale	14 *EHC Art Show *FFA Meeting 7:30am *HS Golf @ Leigh	15	16 *LAC Kindergarten Round-Up 2:30pm	17 *JH Speech @ Wayne <b>PROM</b>
18	19 *FFA Officer Interviews	20 *HS Track @ Madison *HS Golf @ Stanton	21 <b>Student Dismissal @ 1:00pm</b> <b>No Preschool Teacher In Service</b>	22 *JH Track @ Lyon-Decatur	23 *FFA Banquet	24 *HS Golf @ Osmond
25	26 *JH Track @ HHS *HS Golf @ HHS	27 *HS Track @ St. Francis Invite	28	29 *HS Golf @ St. Francis Invite *JH/HS Music Concert	30 *6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip 	May 1 Graduation 2:00pm