



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, because of their hard work and dedication, the team finished as the 2023 Class D1 State Runner-Up. This is the second year in a row that the team came away with a second place finish at the state meet. Over the past six years, our speech team has won three state championships and has finished runner-up twice. That is quite the impressive run, which I'm sure will not be ending anytime soon! I only wonder what state speech of 2020 would have brought, but it was unfortunately canceled due to COVID!

Other exciting news, Mr. Bertrand was the recipient of the Gary Fisher Outstanding Music Teacher of the Year award presented by the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association. Mr. Bertrand received his award at the Spring NRCSA conference in Kearney on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Another special moment was Junior Alivia Schemek was able to be a part of the award ceremony as she sang the National Anthem to kick off the conference. Mr. Bertrand was not aware of this and was also surprised by his entire family being able to see him receive his award! Congratulations to Mr. Bertrand!

The school board approved to renew the winter and spring sports cooperative with Lindsay Holy Family for the 2023-2024 school year. This would allow all of our current cooperative activities to remain in place next year. At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, the cooperative will then dissolve with the Archdiocese's decision to merge Holy Family and St. Francis beginning the 2024-2025 school year.

An update on our facility project process. The selection committee conducted interviews with construction management firms to oversee the project. After completing interviews, the selection committee recommended Hausmann Construction out of Norfolk to be the Construction Manager. The board formally approved the recommendation at the March regular board meeting. Our Community Advisory Committee held their first meeting on Monday, March 20th. I want to thank the committee members for volunteering to serve on the committee and being the sounding board for our project. The committee and those in attendance were able to look at three potential options for the facility project, which were recently displayed in the Humphrey Democrat. This was an exciting step to see potential drawings on paper as we continue this journey. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17, 2023 at 6:00pm in the gym.

Before I end my letter, I also wanted to let you know the board approved the academic calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. You can find the calendar on our website. If you have questions regarding the calendar for next year, please contact the school office!

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 2023

The final stretch of the 22-23 school year has come. As we all get excited for warmer weather and the end of the school year there are a few things that I wanted to go over

- As the spring sports season comes along, please be aware that if your child is not participating in these activities but would like to go watch, they will need to complete an office yellow slip and parents need to call into the office a day in advance. I ask this so it gives our teachers and cooks a heads-up on who will be and who won't be in school.
- Jr/Sr Parents! Prom will be at the Humphrey Community Center on April 22. Breathalyzers will take place starting at 5:30pm that night. Once students have entered the building, they are not allowed to leave then come back in. Please speak with your child about making smart decisions on that night.
- MAPs testing for grades 7-10 will be April 5th and 6th. The data gathered from these tests do assist us in our school improvement process. I also want to thank the Jr class who did a great job preparing for and taking the ACT test on March 21st. A special thank you to Mrs. King for conducting the test prep with the students, Ms. O with getting everything organized for the test, and Mrs. Hogancamp for being the proctor for the test. Last, NSCAS testing for grades 7 and 8 will be completed during that first week in May.
- Good luck to our students and sponsors as state FFA and state FCCLA!
- Mr. Bender is taking applications for Summer 2023 Drivers Education. Cost for the class is \$220.00 in district and \$290.00 for out of district. Be aware that there is a cap on how many students can take the course.
- Last, please keep an eye on your students' grades. Historically the 4th quarter tends to see a dip due to all the activities going on, the weather changing, and the anticipation of the end of the year. Encourage your student to finish the year strong so they can go into next school year strong.

Thank you all,
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 24, 2023, we held Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up in Humphrey. We also held our Kindergarten Round-Up in Lindsay on Friday, March 31, 2023. It was great to see our students and families excited about the 23-24 school year.

We have been accepting applications for our three and four year old preschool for the 2023-2024 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 Monday, May 1, 2023 starting at 6:30pm.
- Elementary Awards / Track and Field Day is Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Notes will be sent home with additional details. 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) - Thursday, May 4, 2023
 - 3rd Grade (Ashfalls) - Friday, May 12, 2023
 - 4th Grade (Fort Hartsuff) - Wednesday, April 19, 2023
 - 5th Grade (Stuhr Museum) - Friday, May 5, 2023
 - 6th Grade (Kearney Archway) - Friday, April 28, 2023

As always, HAPPY APRIL! It has been a GREAT school year and we will continue this through the 4th 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



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 do 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 8th 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 7th graders, you will now be leaders to a new group of 7th 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!

9th-10th 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. 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!

11th 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.

12th 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 Oelsigle
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APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

AUTISM IS NOT

CAUSED BY POOR PARENTING,
TRAUMA, ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

Recent data indicates
AUTISM IMPACTS

ONE IN **58**
CHILDREN



AUTISM IS A

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

It begins during early development
either prenatal or by the age of 3.

AUTISM IS NOT

A MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL
ILLNESS.

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AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER
is a range of conditions affecting social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, and nonverbal communication.

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY IS April 2nd

APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH,
with celebrations to understand this disorder. Here are some facts to learn what autism is and how you can help those who have it.

AWARENESS

- Most obvious signs of autism appear between two and three years old.
- Children may fail to respond to their name or have a reduced interest in people.
- Around one third of people with autism stay nonverbal their whole life.
- Seizures, ADHD, and anxiety frequently accompany autism.



ACTION

- Developmental delay screenings should occur at nine months.
- Autism Spectrum Disorder screenings should be at 18 months.
- Child psychologists and neurologists can help detect autism in your child.

INCLUSION & ACCEPTANCE

- Children with Autism don't get the same sense of inclusion in schools as other children, making them feel excluded and alienated.
- Adults with autism often have trouble getting a job.
- Social inclusion is having access to education, health care, and services.
- The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities states those with autism have the right to be included in their community.



Wednesday April 5th is Paraprofessional Day!

We cannot do this without you. You all are amazing!! Thank you to each and every one of you!



HAPPY PARAPROFESIONAL DAY!



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

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April 2023 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 & employer</p> </div>				
<p>3</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Hamburger on a Bun</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chili/Soup</p> <p>Cinnamon Rolls</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken Patty on a Bun</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Pizza</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>10</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Meatball Sub</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chinese over Rice</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Cooks Choice</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Fiestada</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Chicken & Cheese</p> <p>Empanda/Corn Dogs</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Sub Sandwich</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Soft Shell Taco</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Spaghetti w/sauce</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Sloppy Jo on a Bun</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken</p> <p>Bowl</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Hot Dog on a bun</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p> <p>(Seniors: Pig in a Blanket)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Flying Saucer</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Chocolate Cake</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Breakfast for Lunch</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p>Walking Taco</p> <p>Vegetable</p> <p>Fruit/Salad Bar</p> <p>Bun</p>

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April 2023 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! www.humphreybulldogs.org						1 *JH Dance
2 	3 *State FCCLA *JH Track @ Wisner *HS Track @ David City *Golf @ Osceola *Booster Club/Post Prom Meeting	4 *State FCCLA *Golf @ Osceola	5 *Banking in School	6	7 	8
9	10  *School Board Meeting	11 *8 th Grade College Visits *HS Track @ Neligh *Golf @ Leigh	12 *FFA Meeting *Golf @ Leigh	13	14 *FCCLA Meeting *Senior Trip	15 *JH Speech @ Wayne *Grades 9/10 Track @ Wisner
16	17	18 *Golf @ Beemer	19 *Banking in School *FFA Officer Interviews	20 *JH Track @ Lyons *HS Track @ Palmer	21 *District Music Contest @ TBA *FFA Banquet	22 PROM *JH Speech @ Genoa
23	24 *JH Track @ HHS *Golf @ Humphrey	25 *HS Track @ St. Francis	26	27 *Golf @ Humphrey *Spirit Squad Clinic *Athletic Awards @ LHF	28	29 *HS EHC Track @ Madison
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