



February 2021 Newsletter

From the Superintendent's desk:

As most of you already know, snow and cold weather are a couple reasons why winter is not my favorite season. During the month of January, I had to cancel school three days due to icy roads, blowing snow and blizzard conditions. My hope is that February will bring about warmer weather and very little snow or ice. As you will see on the calendar, we have many activities scheduled this month. When school is canceled for whatever reason in February, there are very few days when we have nothing scheduled. Unfortunately, when this happens, most times we have to cancel the activity. Let's keep our fingers crossed that warmer weather is on its way.

There are several activities scheduled in the spring that I will be addressing including Prom, concerts and awards programs. I want our students and parents to know that I understand how important these activities are to our kids and that I will do everything possible to have them for our students during this Pandemic and COVID-19 environment. Mr. King and I will be working and communicating with our school board and the local East Central Health District to see how we can provide these activities in a safe manner and abide by the COVID-19 health protocols we have in place. We will also be meeting with our activity sponsors keeping them informed on protocols and information because I want to spend my time and energy focusing on how we can provide the activity for our students even if it is different from previous years. If you ever have any questions related to the upcoming activities, please call me at school and I will be happy to share what I know at the moment, keeping in mind that things can change quickly with COVID-19.

The month of February also brings district competition for our girls and boys basketball teams. The girls will be competing in the Class D1-3 sub-district on Feb 15, 16, and 18, 2021. The boys will be also competing in the Class D1-3 sub-district on Feb 23, 25, 2021. The locations for both sub-districts have yet to be determined. There is a strong possibility Humphrey Public could host one or both sub-districts because of our high ranking in wild card points. I want to wish the basketball players and coaches good luck at both the conference and district tournaments. The Speech team is also very busy competing in speech meets in February, preparing for district competition in March. Good luck to our speech students and coaches.

Please mark down Monday, February 8, 2021, this is the date of our 2nd semester Parent-Teacher conferences from 1:30 – 8:00 p.m. Please remember, there is NO school scheduled this day as we have teacher in-service from 7:45-12:00 followed by conferences. Masks must be worn at all times in school while meeting with teachers. I encourage parents to attend conferences to ensure the school, parent, and student are on the same page regarding communication and their sons/daughters' academic status. 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 Monday, February 8th. The comp day for teachers will be Friday, February 12, 2021, meaning there is no school for students and 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



From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to February! I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. It has been great that we have made it this far. Our elementary students celebrated their 100th day of school at the end of January. Students were so excited and celebrated with a 100th day cookie.

I want to remind all parents that Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, February 8th. Sign up sheets were sent home with students. I highly encourage you to attend and discuss your students' progress with their teacher(s). I know that you are able to check PowerSchool to monitor grades, but the face-to-face conversation can do so much more in supporting what your child needs for their academic success. If you are not able to attend, please schedule a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Mrs. Graham has a student teacher this semester. Ms. Oborny is currently attending the University of Nebraska- Lincoln and will graduate in May. As the semester moves forward, Ms. Oborny will be taking over classes one at a time and then teach all seven classes for a period of time before handing them back over to Mrs. Graham. She will also be learning about the FFA chapter and getting to know the in's and out's of what takes place in running a successful chapter.

Our winter activities seasons are continuing to succeed. Our speech season is off and running and have done well at their first few meets. Our boys and girls basketball teams are also doing well. They are in the middle of their conference tournament. In just a few short weeks they will start their post season journeys. Our boys and girls bowling teams have had a great inaugural season. They are competing in districts soon, with hopes of making it to the state bowling tournament. I know this year has been a little unusual in the amount of fans that are able to attend. I want to thank Mrs. Luedtke and her student helpers for livestreaming the events for everyone to watch.

Our state and district testing window is getting closer. We will begin our spring MAP testing and our state assessments during March. 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 the season of sickness continues, 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. Notes can also be faxed to the school from your provider. 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, I encourage you to pay close attention to the school webpage with school announcements and activity updates. As always, 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



Title Reading/Math

Happy Valentine's Day from the Title Room!

The title 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 reading and writing our sight words. In the 3rd – 6th grades, we have been working on different reading skills like main idea, summaries, fact/opinion, sequencing, figurative language, cause and effect and lots of vocabulary practice. One day a week, we all focus on working on improving our fluency and retell scores when we read orally. We read for one minute then we retell for one minute. We then record how many words we read in the minute.

Math title students, depending on their grade level, have been working on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. Sometimes we use whole numbers. Other times we use fractions, decimal numbers, and integers.

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

HUMPHREY AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDENT TEACHER

My name is Krystin Oborny. I am a Senior Agricultural Education major at UNL and will be student teaching at Humphrey High School with Mrs. Robyn Graham this semester. I grew up just Northeast of Seward near the village of Garland. Growing up, my family raised Registered Black Angus Cattle and an assortment of other animals from time to time. We also farm corn and soybeans. I was extremely involved in 4-H, participating in static, animal, and leadership activities. During my time at Seward High School I spent a lot of time in the agricultural education room. I was an active member of the Seward FFA chapter and served as president my senior year. I was a part of the winning district livestock judging team for two consecutive years, as well as competed in other FFA competitions such as public speaking and parliamentary procedure. My involvement with FFA sparked my interest in becoming an agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor. During my time at UNL I have made the most of meeting new people and soaking in new information. I spent a lot of time mentoring incoming freshman through the Susan Buffett Learning community, as well as participating in educational internships during the summer. I spent three summers as a field assistant with Pioneer/Corteva out of York, and last summer with the National Corn Growers Association in St. Louis. I spent most of my summer with the Soil Health Partnership helping them with anything from collecting field day content, to entering data, all while driving all over the Midwest. Both of these experiences helped me meet some really great people and learn information I can relay onto my future students.

I have strived to get as much experience in agriculture as I can and am ready to take the next step to become a teacher. I am grateful to be able to learn from Mrs. Graham this semester and student teach in a school that is supportive and pushes students to succeed. I know this will be a great experience to grow academically and personally. I am extremely excited to begin!





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Humphrey Public School

 **FEBRUARY 2021**

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TUES

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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 fruit/veggie bar offered daily for lunch. Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am. USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer



1 Breakfast Pizza ~~~~~ Flying Saucer Green Beans Applesauce Dinner Bun	2 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Ham & Noodle Casserole Corn Pears Bread Stick	3 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chili/Soup Crackers Cheese Stick Mandarin Oranges	4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Pineapple	5 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mexican Casserole Corn Fruit Bar Ice Cream
8 NO SCHOOL	9 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Corn Mandarin Oranges Garlic Bread	10 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Goulash Green Beans Peaches Dinner Bun	11 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Lettuce Broccoli Pears	12 NO SCHOOL
15 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Patty on a Bun Smiley Fries Apple	16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Taco in a Bag Lettuce Corn Peaches	17 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Popcorn Shrimp or PB&J Green Beans Banana	18 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chinese over Rice Broccoli Pineapple	19 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Cheese Pizza Lettuce Corn Applesauce
22 Breakfast Pizza ~~~~~ Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Peaches Bread Stick	23 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Beef N Bean Burrito or Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Bean Pears	24 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Dinner Bun	25 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ BBQ Pork on a Bun French Fries Orange Slices	26 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mac & Cheese or PB&J Corn Mandarin Oranges

HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



2021

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Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information. Check out the website & watch for the most up to date information at www.humphreybulldogs.org



	1 *EHC Girls BB	2 *EHC Boys BB	3	4 *EHC Girls BB Semi-Finals/Consolation	5 No School PK-6 *EHC Boys BB Semi-Finals/Consolation	6 *Speech @ Schuyler *EHC G/B BB Finals/Consolation @ Midlands University *FFA State Degree & Proficiency
7	8 NO SCHOOL For Students Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:45-8:00pm *EHC Honor Band @ Stanto *School Board Meeting 7:30pm	9 *HS Boys BB @ Pender	10 *FFA Meeting 7:30am 	11 *HS G/B BB @ Twin River (Genoa)	12 NO SCHOOL For Staff & Students *Speech @ Norfolk	13 *Speech @ HHS
14 	15 *Girls BB Sub-Districts @ TBD	16 *Girls BB Sub-Districts @ TBD	17	18 *Girls BB Sub-Districts @ TBD	19 *HS Boys BB vs Plainview @ LHF	20 *Speech @ Wisner-Pilger *JH Boys BB Tourney @ Clarkson Leigh
21	22 *Boys BB Sub-Districts @ TBD *FFA Week	23 *Boys BB Sub-Districts @ TBD	24 Students Dismissed @ 1:00pm No Preschool Teacher In Service *EHC Speech @ North Bend	25 *Boys BB Sub-Districts @ TBD	26 *Girls BB District Finals @ TBD	27 *Boys BB District Finals @ TBD *Speech @ Battle Creek
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