



February 2022 Newsletter

From the Superintendent's desk:

I want to start my February newsletter by sharing congratulations to Ms. Broman, FCCLA advisor and the FCCLA students who qualified for the FCCLA state conference. Winning gold and placing first in their district competition were Paige Nolan, Bella Behle, Rachel Martensen, Kortney Dougherty, and Morgan Hake. Silver winners and placing first in their competition and qualifying for state were Nora Bertrand and Mariah Schumacher. Silver medalists and qualifying for state were Allison Bystryznski, Braelyn Hemmer, Amelia Whited, Alex Renninger, and Karley Vering. Good luck to Ms. Broman and all the students at the state FCCLA conference April 3-5 in Lincoln.

The month of February also brings district competition for our girls and boys bowling teams. The girls bowling team won their second consecutive East Husker Conference tournament January 22 held in Dodge. The boys narrowly missed winning the conference championship losing by 8 pins. Congratulations to Coach Stone and all the bowlers and good luck at the Class A-4 district bowling tournament at Kings Lanes in Norfolk, NE on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Good luck to the girls and boys basketball teams as well. The girls will be competing in the Class D1-6 sub-district on Feb 14, 15, and 17, 2022. The boys will be competing in the Class C2-5 sub-district on Feb 21, 22, and 24, 2022. The locations for both sub-districts will be determined about one week prior to the start of the tournament. 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 off to another successful start for coaches Mrs. Hogancamp and Mrs. Lovercheck. The Bulldog speech team started the season with a 5th place finish at Twin River followed by a 3rd place finish at Pierce. The speech students went to Howells-Dodge and captured the team title and followed that up with a 2nd place finish at Boone Central. Good luck to the coaches and students as they prepare for district competition in March.

As we begin the month of February, I want to again thank our staff, students and parents during yet another very difficult and challenging school year. I understand there is on-going frustration over COVID. The mental and physical health of our students and staff is very concerning. Please know that our staff is here to address and support our student's mental health needs as well as the mental health needs of our own staff. This year our school contracted the services of Ronell Jackson, Licensed Mental Health Practitioner from ESU #7 who serves as our mental health provider. This service is available for our staff and students, if you know of someone who may need additional support, please contact Ms. Oelsigle, our Guidance Counselor or an administrator at school. In addition, I want to thank the parents for helping us out with the physical health of our student body and staff. I appreciate your cooperation in keeping student's home when they are ill. We realize there are many viruses that have similar symptoms as

COVID. We will leave the decision to complete a COVID test to you and/or your healthcare provider. We continue to ask our staff, students and parents that when you are ill, please stay home and return to school only when you are healthy.

The second semester Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, February 7, 2022, 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. 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 7th. The comp day for teachers will be Friday, February 11, 2022, 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

February 2022

For most students and teachers, January tends to be the longest month of the school year. So, that being said, congratulations for making through the month of January! Even with January behind us, the rest of the school year will have plenty for us to plan for and to get excited about.

A few things to keep in mind as February begins and the winter activities season begin to wrap things up.

- PTC will be held on February 7th in the school gym. I strongly recommend coming in and visiting with your student's teachers. If you are unable to attend, please email the teachers.
- The 8th grade class will be taking the NAEP test on February 15th. This test will measure students content knowledge in Math and ELA. The test results are for national statistical purposes only and will not affect the students in any way. A detailed letter will be sent to 8th grade parents on January 31st with more details.
- Jr high parents (7th-8th grades) on January 25th and 26th I had a conversation with the students about a few topics I felt were important. A few items that I covered ranged from treating people with respect, digital safety, and vaping (to name a few). I ask that you continue this conversation at home with your student.
- Bowling, Speech, Girls and Boys basketball will be wrapping up the winter season within February and March. Please take some time to show these students your support if you have not already had. More importantly, please help in keeping an eye on students grades as the winter seasons end. Most schools have a slump in grades in-between seasons each year.
- As in my January newsletter, please keep an eye on each other and help each other out. Find healthy ways to take care of yourself and always remember that my door and Ms. O's door is always open.
- Last, remember that for the rest of the school year ALL breakfast and lunch are free to all students. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. If you decide to bring a home lunch, this is fine. However, under federal law students are not allowed to have food that is wrapped in commercial packaging (i.e. McDonald's, Subway, and Canes).

Thank you all!
Mr. Kirby



FEBRUARY

ELEMENTARY NEWS

From the Desk of Mr. King:

Welcome to February! I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. It is hard to believe that our elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school in January. This was the first year since I started at Humphrey that we have celebrated the 100th day of school on the exact 100th day.

I would like to remind all parents that Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, February 7th. Sign up sheets were sent home with students in January. I highly encourage you to attend and discuss your students' progress with their teacher. Conferences will run from 1:30pm - 8:00pm. If you are not able to attend, please reach out to your students' teacher and schedule another time to meet. Our teachers enjoy getting the chance to meet with you in person to discuss the great things your student is learning.

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 attendance reports to the department of education.

Each year the elementary classes celebrate Valentine's Day within their classrooms. Be on the lookout for information from your students' teacher regarding any planned activities. I also wanted to highlight a couple of fundraisers the JH/HS is putting on. The Humphrey FFA chapter is selling Valentine's Day flowers and our FCCLA group is selling Cookie Grams, which is similar to the Winter Grams. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please contact the school office.

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. Until my next letter, have a great December!

MR KING



Greetings from the Counselor,

I hope everyone has had a safe winter and continues to push through to spring. Remember, students, that if any time during the long winter months you are not feeling like yourself and need someone to talk to about anything, I am here to chat. Parents, if you notice your child has been down lately, please don't hesitate to reach out. Sometimes one conversation can make all of the difference.

Elementary Guidance: The past month we have got back into the swing of school. There has been quite a bit of illness going around. We continue to talk about ways to keep our bodies healthy. We discussed integrity, and even though it is a complicated word, I believe many of our students are learning what it means. We have really been working on listening and using those skills to be kinder individuals. Lastly, we discussed the importance of self-control and positivity. In the future, we will continue to work on social skills, coping skills, avoiding peer pressure, college/career readiness, and how to be better students and people.

Junior High:

1. Remember that your grades matter, effort matters, and how you act within a classroom matters. The teachers you have now, will likely be a part of your lives for some time. You may even rely on one of them for a recommendation at some point in time.
2. Continue to talk with your parents at home about future career plans.
3. Many of you have been involved in extra curricular activities during the fall and winter, which is awesome. February has limited school-related activities or events for junior high. Continue to still stay active so that it is easier to remain healthy. Remember, it is good to be involved and support others who are involved in activities. Let me know if you need help with anything.

Freshmen and Sophomores:

1. Understand that your grades matter now. I know that I mention it all the time, but it is important. If you have hopes to be Valedictorian or Salutatorian of your class, which I hope many of you do, the grades you make now will determine that just as much as your junior and senior year. Colleges also ask for Cumulative GPAs, which means your GPA for your entire high school career. This can be the difference in getting accepted into a college versus not. It can also be the difference in thousands of dollars offered through scholarships. Many colleges, specifically Peru State, are using high school GPA as the largest indicator for scholarships as it is the best indicator for success in college. Parents sometimes receive discounts on insurance for high GPA. Students hoping to enter the work force also need a high GPA and good attendance as companies oftentimes ask for that. GPA is THAT important. Work hard at it. All of you have the potential to earn many high grades, which in turn gives an extra opportunity at scholarships.
2. Continue to stay involved with extra curricular activities. We have had a lot of success and I hope this pattern continues as you all put time, effort, and hard work into all that you do.

Juniors:

1. The ACT is getting near. During Careers, we will focus on test preparation for the big day (March 22nd). www.ontocollege.com is always a resource for prep that exceeds what we do in class.
2. As with the younger classmen, make sure you are diligently trying on your coursework and staying involved when possible. It truly helps create well-rounded young adults.
3. I also encourage you all to continue to visit colleges. The best way to know if a fit is right for you is to see it first-hand. Before visiting the college, make sure that it would have the degree for the career you are hoping to have. While on campus, make sure you are attending with questions and take advantage of what the tour guides have to share with you. If you need help getting set up with one, please let me know.
4. Scheduling a job shadow is also a great activity to do while you are still in high school. I have almost all of you in Careers and it is a requirement, so the sooner you can get it done, the less stress you'll have. If there is anything else I can help you with, I am happy to help.

Seniors:

1. It is very important for you all to have the FAFSA completed by now. If you are having problems, please come in and see me so we can get it taken care of. Continue getting scholarships completed.
2. As an FYI, you all have until May 1st to accept scholarships given directly from a University. This is set forth by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, which means that colleges will not be lenient. May 1st is the absolute last day to accept them.
3. These scholarships are different than the scholarships that I will share with you. As I receive notice of scholarships, I will send them to each of you through email. Each scholarship will have its own deadline. Pay close attention to those dates so that you do not miss submitting them. Remember that ScholarshipQuest, EducationQuest, FastWeb and College Board are all good resources for you as you continue searching for and filling out scholarships. If you have issues with scholarships or need someone to look over final drafts, please let me know. I am here to help in whatever way possible.

As always, please see me if there is anything that I can help with. I am available in person, by phone, or by email. Stay warm and stay safe.

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HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 *District Bowling in Norfolk *East Husker Boys BB 2nd Round @ HHS	2 *FFA State Degree	3 *East Husker Girls BB Semi Finals @ Midlands College in Fremont	4 No School K-6 *East Husker Boys BB Semi Finals @ Midland University in Fremont	5 *East Husker G/B BB Finals @ Midland University in Fremont *Speech @ Schuyler *FFA State Degree @ Schuyler
6 *Booster Club Meeting 4:00pm *Post Prom Meeting 5:00pm	7 NO SCHOOL For Students Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-8:00pm *Teacher In-Service 7:45am-12:00pm *ECH Honor Band @ Tekamah-Herman 7:00pm	8 *HS Girls Only BB @ Crofton(JV/V)	9 *Banking in Schools 7:30am *FFA Meeting 7:30am 	10 *HS G/B BB vs Twin River @ HHS	11 NO SCHOOL For Staff & Students	12 *Speech @ HHS *Heartland Classic B BB @ Grand Island vs Milford 11:30am
13	14 *School Board Meeting 7:30pm	15 *HS Girls BB Class D1-6 Sub-Districts @ TBD *8th Grade NAEP Test	16	17 *HS Girls BB Class D1-6 Sub-Districts @ TBD	18 *Speech @ Lakeview *JH Boys BB @ Plainview *HS Boys Only BB @ Plainview	19 *Speech @ Wisner-Pilger
20 	21 *HS B BB Class C2-5 Sub-District @ TBD *FFA Week Starts	22 *HS Boys BB Class C2-5 Sub-District @ TBD	23 *Banking in Schools 7:30am *East Husker Conference Speech @ Stanton	24 *HS Boys BB Class C2-5 Sub-District @ TBD	25 *HS Girls BB District Finals @ TBD *FFA Ag Olympics	26 *HS Boys BB District Finals @ TBD *Speech @ Battle Creek
27	28 *HS B BB District Finals @ TBD	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				



Humphrey Public School



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	1 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mr. Ribb on a Bun Green Beans Peaches	2 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Goulash Corn Pears Breadstick	3 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chinese over Rice or Noodles Broccoli Pineapple	4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Drumsticks or Runza
7 NO SCHOOL	8 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soup or Chili Cinnamon Roll Mandarin Oranges Pasta Salad	9 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Peaches Dinner Bun	10 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sub Sandwich Baked Beans Chips Apple	11 NO SCHOOL
14 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Philly Cheese on Hoagie Corn or Steamed Peas Pears Macaroni Salad	15 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pull Aparts & Marinara or Hot Dog on a Bun Sweet Potato Fries Peaches	16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Chips Oranges	17 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Dinner Bun	18 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Romaine Lettuce Corn Pineapple or Pears
21 Breakfast Pizza ~~~~~ Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Peaches Dinner Bun	22 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos and Trimmings Corn Fruit Salad	23 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti with White Sauce Broccoli Pears Breadstick	24 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Quesadilla or Pretzel with Cheese Baked Beans Pineapple	25 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Banana or Peaches
28 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Fiestada Lettuce Corn Mandarin Oranges	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			

