



HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Home of the Bulldogs

From the Superintendent's desk:

As I begin my February newsletter, I want to start by congratulating Mrs. Beebe, FCCLA advisor and the FCCLA students who qualified for the state FCCLA conference this spring. Humphrey Public Schools hosted the district event on Wednesday, January 25th. Our FCCLA chapter had 17 students competing in various events and qualified 15 students for state. Good luck to Mrs. Beebe and all of the students as they compete at state!

February is a very busy month for all activities at Humphrey Public. I would encourage you to check out the calendar on our website. We have many groups that are competing in district events. I know that our students greatly appreciate the support they receive from our community. If you ever have any questions regarding certain events, please don't hesitate to give the school office a call. We would be happy to help answer any questions you may have.

The second semester Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, February 6, 2023 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 trend conferences to ensure the school, parent, and student are on the same page regarding communication and their sons/daughters' academic progress. Statistics show high parent involvement in school will lead to improved academic performance by your child. Thank you and we hope to see you on Monday, February 6th. The comp day for teachers will be Friday, February 10, 2023, meaning there is no school for students and staff.

I want to provide an update on our potential building project. At the January board meeting, the board of education approved the selection of an architect. The board selected Wilkins ADP out of Kearney. At our special board meeting on Tuesday, January 17th, the board approved the construction delivery method of Construction Management at Risk. A request for proposals for construction management firms has been advertised with a goal to select a construction management firm at the March board meeting. Our board facilities committee has conducted a pre-planning meeting with the architect. The board is in the planning stages of collecting feedback from the community. Part of that process is creating a community advisory committee. If you would be interested in serving on the advisory committee, please reach out to myself or a board member and your name will be considered for the committee.

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*15 State
Qualifiers*

As stated in my January meeting, the board has identified this potential project as a solution to various needs within our current facility? We currently face spacing challenges within many parts of our building on a daily basis. As we continue to see enrollment growth, providing adequate space for educational opportunities is our number one priority. If the district was in a position that they needed to hire another teacher because of enrollment growth, we currently don't have the space to add another classroom. Our board has done a phenomenal job in recognizing our needs and is supportive in finding solutions to our issues. As the process continues, there will be community meetings and surveys conducted to collect feedback from stakeholders. We value your input and we ask when the time comes for the meetings or to complete surveys, please be an active participant to provide feedback as we work through this process. If you ever have any questions along the way, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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 February & GO BULLDOGS!!!

Mr. King



THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

February 2023

Well, February came up so fast I just about forgot to put out a newsletter. Thank you, Amanda for reminding me. However, there are a few things that I wanted to mention as we get going in February.

- I have had an issue with students having their cell phones in classes. I would like to remind students and parents that my rule is cell phones are to be placed in the student's locker. Cell phones are not to be in pockets and or backpacks. Jrs and Srs are permitted to have their phones if they are taking a college course and that particular college requires their phone for logging in. Please read the handbook on punishments for students who have their phones.
- Reminder that on Fridays I will send out a warning message to parents about students whose grades are low. This message will be in the form of a connect5. Please look at PowerSchool for your child's grades. If you have multiple children in school, please check all grades.
- Students who are on the D/F list will have YouTube turned off on their school issued computers. I am having this done to try and reduce the number of students who are on this list.
- Jr high parents, please make sure if your child is going to need to miss for a doctor's appointment or any other appointment that the office is called in advance and that all teachers are notified.
- Last, please be aware of your child's lunch balance as this year parents must pay for lunches. I understand that after two years of this not being in our minds that it is hard to remember. I will send out connect5 messages to help remind us if our children's balance falls low.

Thank you all!



January

Elementary News

From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:

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 on January 26th. The lower elementary grades were able to do a variety of 100th day activities to represent our 100th day of school.

I would like to remind all parents that Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, February 6th. 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.

On January 24th, we were also able to have our 2nd quarter Bulldog Rally to celebrate students who have met achievements in a variety of different ways. Students received certificates for being on the 1st or 2nd quarter Honor Roll, meeting AR Club thresholds, Positive Office Referrals, students in grades 3-6 who scored in the "On Track" or "Advanced" levels on the Winter NSCAS assessments, and kindergartners who can fluently add to 10. It was great to celebrate these achievements with the students as they look to be leaders in our school.

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.

In closing, HAPPY FEBRUARY! It is an exciting time of year for the students as they are showing growth in their educational accomplishments. We will continue to strive to be our Bulldog BEST everyday! If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Educationally yours,

Mr. Rathje



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.
2. Colleges and employers 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, UNL, UNO, UNK, Northeast, and

CCC, 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 on insurance. 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 paves the way for future success.

3. 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 21st). 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.

Cami Oelsigle
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Title Reading/Math

Happy Valentine's Day from the Title Room!

The title reading and math 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 writing the words. In the 3rd – 6th grades, we have been working on different reading skills like main idea, summaries, fact/non-fact, sequencing, figurative language, and cause and effect. One day a week, we all focus on working on improving our fluency and retell scores when we read orally. We call it "Fluency Fridays". We read for one minute then we retell for one minute. We then record how many words we read in the minute and how many errors we had. We record them on a graph that we can look back on each week to see our progress.

Math title students, depending on their grade level, have been working on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. We use whole numbers, fractions, decimal numbers, and integers. We also spend some time on geometry!

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

Humphrey Public School



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	2 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Flying Saucer Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	3 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Lasagna Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun
6 NO SCHOOL	7 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soft Shell Taco Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	8 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Breat w/Gravy Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	9 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	10 NO SCHOOL
13 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ McRibb on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	14 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	15 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	17 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun
20 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pull Aparts Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	21 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken & Waffles Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	22 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mac N Cheese or PBJ Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	23 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	24 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun
27 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pork Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	28 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Tater Tot Casserole Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Menus subject to change. Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Choice of cold sandwich, milk, and water offered daily for lunch. Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am. USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer		



HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 *Banking in School *Dance Practice *JH Scholastic Contest @ Palmer *District Bowling @ Columbus Westbrook Lanes *FFA State Degree	2 *EHC G BB Semi-Finals @ West Point	3 No School PK-6 *FOCLA Meeting *EHC B BB Semi-Finals @ West Point	4 *Speech @ Schuyler *FFA State Degrees & Proficiency *EHC G/B BB Finals @ Midlands College
5	6 NO SCHOOL For Students Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:45-8:00pm *Teacher In-Service 7:45am-12:00pm *ECH Honor Band @ Winner	7 *Cheer Practice *State Bowling BB vs Crofton @ HHS (Parents Night)	8 *FFA Meeting 7:30am *State Bowling 	9 *HS G/B BB @ Twin River	10 NO SCHOOL For Staff & Students *HS G/B BB @ Madison	11 *Speech @ HHS
12	13 *HS G BB Sub-District Start *School Board Meeting 7:30pm	14 	15 *Banking in School *Dance Practice	16	17 *Speech @ Howells BB vs Plainview @ LHF *HS B BB vs Plainview @ LHF	18 *JH B *Speech @ Winner
19	20 *HS B BB Sub-District Start *FFA Week Start	21	22 *Cheer Practice Speech @ Twin River	23	24 *HS G BB District Finals @ TBD	25 *HS B BB District Finals Start @ TBD
26	27	28 *District Career Development @ CCC	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			

