



HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Home of the Bulldogs

From the Superintendent's desk:

I would like to welcome everyone back for the start of the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year. I hope you were able to enjoy your holiday festivities with family and friends. As a reminder, school resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2022.

I wanted to share some updates regarding future planning of our school. As you may have recently seen in the Humphrey Democrat, the board of education is exploring the possibility of building a new JH/HS on the land that was recently purchased. This is in the very beginning stages of the process. The first step is hiring an architect to develop plans and renderings of the potential project so that an estimated cost can be established. The next step is to select our construction delivery method and complete a request for proposal process. Once this step is completed, there will be some community engagement plans established to gather feedback regarding the project.

One may ask why this project is needed? 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 mentioned before, we are in the very beginning stages of this process. 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. There will also be opportunities to serve on potential committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact myself and your name will be considered. 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.

The January activities calendar is quite busy. Check it out and we hope that you are able to come out and support our teams. Our Speech season will be getting underway in January. There will be multiple opportunities to support them as they have a lot of area meets. We will be hosting our Humphrey Speech meet on Saturday, February 11.

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 December & GO BULLDOGS!!!

Mr. King



THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

January 2023

The start of the 2nd semester for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. There are a few things that I wanted to go over before we get too far into the semester.

- I will send out a D/F warning to every parent who has a student that has a D/F in a class on Friday's. This will come via Connect5 message. On Mondays I will run the list again and parents will be notified via USPS mail that their student is on that week's list. As a reminder, students are ineligible for extra-curricular activities if they have two Fs. Students are able to become eligible if that student can bring up their grade.
- If you are in need of assistance for PowerSchool please get a hold of Mrs. Luedtke at mitziluedtke@humphrey.esu7.org to set up your account. PowerSchool does have a mobile app and notifications can be set on your phone whenever grades are put in.
- I will also send out a Connect5 message to families who have a negative lunch balance every few weeks. Please remember that the USDA is no longer paying for public school lunches effective at the start of the 2022-2023 school year. If you have questions or want to know your balance, please call the office.
- January is full of activities, please speak with your student about utilizing time and keeping up on their grades as to prevent any issues coming up. If you find that your child needs additional help, contact their teachers. Or (and a big OR) we can set up some time for your child to get caught-up on a Saturday morning (email Mr. Kirby).
- Please take the time to speak with your student about cell phones. In the 1st semester I had to take phones away from students 14 times. Also, other disciplinary issues more than not occurred with cell phones. I understand that cell phones are a part of our lives these days. However, in my professional opinion, I have seen more problems with cell phones in the classroom than positives.
- Last, please speak with students who drive to school about driving carefully as the roads are unpredictable with winter.

Thank you.

Mr.Kirby



January

Elementary News

From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:

Welcome to 2023! We are looking forward to seeing the students come back from holiday break! I hope that you all were able to spend ample time with family and friends during the holiday season. I was thankful to be able to spend time with my family and see extended family during our time off.

In December, Humphrey Public students were able to perform their musical talents. The elementary students performed their music program on Monday, Dec. 12. The students were outstanding and I would like to thank Mrs. Whited and Mr. Bertrand for their work in preparing our students for great performances.

As we have entered the season of sickness, 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. 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.

A reminder that on Monday, February 6th, 2023 is Parent-Teacher conferences. There will be no school on Monday, Feb. 6th as the staff will have an in-service in the morning before conferences begin. Sign-up sheets will be going home in January. We encourage you to attend and chat with your students' teachers regarding their progress. Conferences will again run from 1:30pm until 8:00pm. If you are unable to make it during the scheduled time, please contact your student's teacher or the school office to schedule a time to meet.

Another reminder for elementary students and parents that there is NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 3rd for grades K-6. Our elementary staff will be continuing their work on writing/updating math curriculum.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We will continue to keep moving forward and striving to be our Bulldog BEST everyday! Have a GREAT January!

Educationally Yours,

Mr. Rathje



Greetings from the Counselor

Happy New Year! 2022 sure thought it needed to keep up with the past two years, but if we all walk in real quietly and don't disturb anything, maybe 2023 will get us back on track! Despite the challenges 2022 may have brought, I am hopeful that everyone was able to reflect on the year and find the good within it. The first semester has flown by, and it has been so fun to be a part of some great accomplishments. I look forward to this upcoming semester, and the opportunity to work with some of the best students, families, and faculty around. Every day is a great day to be a Bulldog!

Elementary Guidance: The past month we have worked with spreading cheer during the winter season, remembering our manners, and understanding how our words can hurt people, but also help them. The fifth and sixth graders have both begun to work with colleges. Research shows, the earlier we expose our students to colleges and the idea of going, the more likely they are to attend. I make sure to mention that college may not be the path for everyone, but our Humphrey Public research shows that 94% or more of our students attend college at some point in their lives. Therefore, by instructing with a focus on college, it is not that I want to discredit the work force as we also discuss that; it is simply to share information a large majority of our students will need to know for their future. If you or your child ever has any questions about their future, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or have them do so. In the upcoming months, we will continue to discuss future career options and college opportunities. We will also continue working on the characteristics it takes to be a good person.

7th-9th Grades:

1. Keep working hard. This is a new semester and a chance to get or keep your grades where you would like them. Decide now, where you want to be in your upper high school years. Good grades, attendance, and school participation lead to more scholarships and more opportunities. The sky is the limit for all of you. Don't settle for anything less. Remember to be involved, cheer your classmates and schoolmates on, and to stay caught up.
2. A good idea for the future is to start writing down any activities you are involved in, any awards you may have received, and any volunteering you have done. Keep this in a Google Doc or similar location so that you will have the information when it comes time to create a resume.
3. Also, remember to start thinking about your future and different careers you might find interesting.

10th-11th Grades:

1. As with the 7-9 grades, you have an opportunity at a new semester to perform how you want. Don't waste this opportunity. With a new beginning, you can achieve whatever you put your minds to.
2. As you all continue to think about future careers, I highly encourage you to consider going on Job Shadows. The best way to determine if a career is for you is to get out and see what goes on in that career. I can help you get registered for a Job Shadow if you need assistance. COVID still affects some job shadowing opportunities, but typically there is a virtual option if in-person isn't available. So, if you're at all interested, let's get something set up!
3. I also encourage you all to consider different colleges and for the 11th graders, start taking college visits. That is also the best way to see if a college is the perfect fit for you. Again, many of these are also virtual. It can't quite replace actually being there, but the virtual visits typically provide good information and a good overview of the college and campus.
4. Continue to save money for college along with keeping track of all activities you've been in and awards you have received. Compiling all of this information into a resume would be a great idea and save you stress in the future.
5. Be thinking about people who would be able and willing to write you letters of recommendation. It is a good idea to have these individuals in mind before your senior year so that you are prepared for scholarships and applications.
6. As always, it is good to look at applying for the ACT. That can be done at www.act.org

12th Grade:

1. You are in your final semester of high school. It is bittersweet, but remember to finish strong. Even if you are accepted and have received financial aid to college, it is still important to finish this final semester to the best of your ability.
2. I suggest that you all speak with a staff member and have at least one letter of recommendation completed along with a community member with a second letter. This will aid you in applying for scholarships and possibly admission.
3. If you do not have the FAFSA completed, this needs to be done very soon. Please, come in and see me if you need help with its completion.
4. Many of the big scholarship deadlines, such as Susan Buffet, are right around the corner. I encourage you to fill out as many scholarships as possible. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please stop in and see me.
5. Also, try to begin narrowing your search on a college. In order to have the best opportunities at colleges for housing and scholarships, it is best to be decided by February. If you are not certain, there is still time, but do your best to narrow it down. If you have not been on the campus of the school you are interested in, I would suggest setting up a college visit so you can be sure it is the best college for you. As always, if you have any questions, please see me.

I am excited for the second half of this school year. I am here to help with any concerns anyone might have.

Cami Oelsigle
pK-12 School Counselor
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6th Grade News

Things are busy in the sixth grade room this year. We have 20 students in our class and have been working hard on many different things.

In reading class, we have been working on genres, main ideas, context clues, figurative language, Greek and Latin roots, and there are always new vocabulary words with each story we read. Our phonics class goes over syllables, digraphs, consonant clusters, and the different meanings of various prefixes and suffixes.

English brings work on the basics of grammar: sentence structure, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, etc. We also spend time writing different types of essays.

In Math we are covering adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals, fractions, and integers. Second semester gets a lot more into ratios, percents, equations, and geometry.

Note taking is a big part of Social Studies for us. It helps us group together the most important parts of the sections we read in our textbooks. Ancient civilizations are our focus. We cover everything from cavemen, to Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and India first semester. This spring we will work our way through China, Rome, Arabia, and Africa.

In Science class we are starting with a new textbook this year. First semester we have studied life science and reproduction. Second semester we will look at weather, climate, and the environment.

With all these things to keep us busy-homework, quizzes, and tests-we should never get bored!

Mr. Niemann



WINTER CAR KIT CHECKLIST



- ☐ Windshield Scraper
- ☐ Small Broom
- ☐ Flashlight
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Spare Radio with Batteries
- ☐ Snacks or Energy Type Food
- ☐ Water
- ☐ Jumper Cables
- ☐ Flares & Matches
- ☐ Shovel
- ☐ Sand or Shingles for Tire Traction
- ☐ Hats, Socks, Mittens
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Foudrescent Distress Flag



DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER



adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

CHILLY



weather.gov/safety

COLD




EXTREME COLD



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January 2023 Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 	2 	3 School Resumes 3rd Qtr Begins	4 *Banking in School *Cheer Practice	5 *Bowling @ Pender	6	7 *Speech @ Twin River *C Team G/B BB @ Columbus Scotus *JH B BB vs Cross County @ HHS
8	9 *JH B BB @ Twin River (Monroe)	10 *Dance Practice *HS G/B BB @ Wisner	11 *FFA Meeting 7:30am *Banking in School 	12 *Bowling @ Columbus Westbrook Lanes *HS G/B BB vs Neigh-Oakdale @ LHF	13 *HS G/B BB @ Summerland	14 *Speech @ Pierce *JH B BB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ HHS *Bowling @ Norfolk
15	16 *Quiz Bowl @ NE Christian *JH B BB @ Howells-Dodge *HS G/B BB @ Stanton	17 *Bowling @ Dodge	18 *Banking in School *Cheer Practice *Speech @ Howells-Dodge	19 *Bowling @ Humphrey *HS G/B BB @ Madison 	20 *FCCLA Meeting *Bowling @ Humphrey *Quiz Bowl (radio) *HS G/B BB vs Bancroft-Rosale @ HHS	21 *Speech @ Albion *JH B BB vs Fullerton @ HHS
22	23 *NHS Induction Ceremony	24 *JH B BB vs Riverside @ LHF *HS G/B BB @ Oakland-Craig	25 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS *District FCCLA @ HHS	26 *FFA District Career @ NECC *HS G/B BB vs EPPJ @ LHF	27 *EHC G/B BB Tournament Starts	28 *Speech Team Bonding *JH B BB vs Riverside @ Cedar Rapids 
29	30	31	Watch the website for the most up to date information at www.humphreybulldogs.org Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information.			

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2023

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
2 No School	3 No School	4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Flying Saucer Corn Peaches Dinner Bun	5 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Beef 'n Bean Burrito/Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	6 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
9 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	10 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soup/Chili Cinnamon Roll Fruit/Salad Bar	11 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	12 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	13 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sloppy Jo on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Alfredo Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	17 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos & Trimmings Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	18 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chinese over Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	19 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pull Aparts Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	20 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
23 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Popcorn Chicken Bowl Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	24 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Goulash Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	25 No School	26 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	27 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun
30 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pork Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	31 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Taco in a Bag Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	<p><i>Menus subject to change.</i></p> <p>Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water offered daily for lunch. Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am. USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer</p>		