



# HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Home of the Bulldogs*

From the Superintendent's desk:

Welcome to October. I don't know about you, but I have enjoyed the cooler fall weather. Our HLHF activities have been in full swing. I hope that you have had a chance to watch our student athletes compete. If you haven't and would like to, please check out our district website for the activity calendar. I know that our student athletes greatly appreciate your support.

I want to remind families that the school is not receiving reimbursement from the state for school meals like we have the past two years. Over the past two years, the school was able to be a little more flexible with family lunch/breakfast accounts as you were only being charged for seconds. With the switch this year, putting the burden back on families, we are not able to be as flexible with family lunch/breakfast accounts. You may or may not have received a Connect 5 message regarding your account balance in the past few weeks. We will be communicating with parents about negative account balances both through the Connect 5 messaging system and through mail with hard copy statements. We ask that if you receive these communications that you make a payment in a timely manner. It is imperative that you keep a positive balance in your account. We greatly appreciate your partnership.

At the regularly scheduled September board meeting the Humphrey Public School Board of Education approved the budget and tax request for the 2022-2023 school year. The school determines the budget and tax request based on information received from Platte and Madison counties in regards to land valuations and then reviews planned costs and expenditures for the upcoming school year to determine the tax request. The overall cent levey for this year came in at \$0.409943, which is about a 1% increase compared to the cents levied last year which was \$0.407614. When you look at our levy, we have been consistently in the bottom five for lowest levies across the state of Nebraska. Humphrey Public will have the 2nd lowest levy in the state for the 2022-2023 school year. The goal for our board and I is to continue to keep taxes low as possible while providing the best education possible for our students. I believe that Humphrey Public School is in great financial standing and hoping to keep that going well into the future! Hopefully this provides information in determining our levy and tax request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

As you may have noticed in the paper, the district has purchased land west of the school. In June the district bought 7.25 acres of land from Pat and Michelle Hastreiter. In September, the district purchased an additional 8.96 acres of land from the Romaine V. Lubischer Family Trust. With the two land purchases the district has a total of 16.21 acres of land located directly west of the school. The district doesn't have any plans at this time for future building projects. Over the past year, the board has been discussing a possible community gym. By having this land, it provides the district with options well into the future if it is ever needed as the community continues to grow.

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 October & GO BULLDOGS!!!

*Mr. King*

## Dates to Remember:

10/5 FFA Meeting 7:30am  
10/10 School Board Meeting 9:00pm  
10/12 Banking at School  
10/13 No School for grades PK-6  
10/14 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
10/19 1:00pm Student Dismissal  
10/20 Picture Retakes  
10/26 Banking at School



# THE BULLDOG

## NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

October 2022

I hope everyone has had some time to enjoy the oncoming fall. Especially after all the hot and dry days we have had this last couple of months. Please, be aware of farm equipment in the fields and on the roads as harvest is in full swing. A few other things I wanted you to be aware of

- I did have a discussion with the Jr high kids about a few things that I address every year. Those items were Vaping/Drugs, Behavior at ball games, Social media, treatment of others, and behavior in class. Now, these are not things that are necessarily happening at the moment, I just wanted to hit on them.
- 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.
- Thank you all for helping with some of the basic rules and procedures we enforce here at school. Without your support and due diligence, our jobs would be harder. I have not had many issues with our water bottle policy.
- Dress code issue have come up over the last few weeks. Boys need to be aware that cutoffs are not to be worn. Girls may not wear shirts that expose their stomachs. I understand in this day of age that shopping for clothes for students can be hard. Please be aware of what students are wearing, even as the weather starts to get cold.
- The fall sports schedule is starting to come to a close. Please try to make a ball game or meet as our student/athletes finish up their seasons.
- The end of the quarter will be on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 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.

*Mr. Kirby*



# October 2022

## *Elementary News*

### **From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:**

Welcome to October! The weather is starting to get a bit cooler and this means that the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is drawing near. We end the first quarter on Friday, October 14, 2022. Just a reminder that on Thursday, October 13, 2022 there will be NO SCHOOL for grades PK-6 due to teacher in-service for these teachers. Also, there will be a 1:00 early dismissal on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Now that we are a month and a half into the school year, we are requesting that parents stop in the main office to drop off their students if arriving after 7:50 a.m. We will then escort them to their classroom. This helps lessen the distractions within the classroom as teachers prepare for the day. Also, if you need to meet with a teacher, please stop in the main office to ensure that the teacher is available or if an alternative time is needed to hold the discussion.

Students have been working hard on their MAP testing through the end of September. I really appreciate all their hard work and their focus during testing. We had a lot of students reach the grade level goals. We will be taking our second MAP test in the spring. We look forward to our Spring MAP test data to show positive growth for our students. MAP reports should have been shared with you at parent/teacher conferences. If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher or Mr. Rathje.

On Monday, September 26, 2022, Humphrey Public held their fall parent/teacher conferences. We had a great turn out and appreciate all parents that were able to attend. If you were not able to attend conferences and would like to discuss your student's progress, please contact the school or your student's teachers to set up a time to either meet or talk over the phone.

During the week of September 19-23, the Humphrey High FCCLA chapter held a food drive to collect items for the FCCLA Backpack Program. Items were collected within each elementary classroom, with each item being worth different points. The class with the most points at the end of the week won a prize, which has not yet been determined.

Picture Day was held on Monday, September 12, 2022. Picture packets have not been sent to school. When packets arrive, they will be sent home with each student. If you would like your student to retake their school picture, retake day is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2022. The 3-year-old preschool students will have their pictures taken on this day. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

As I wrap up my letter, please remember as the weather gets colder that it is important to send your students in warmer attire. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Have a GREAT October!

***Educationally Yours,***

***Mr. Rathje***

# THIS HALLOWEEN

## Please Keep In Mind:

- The child who is grabbing more than one piece of candy, might have poor fine motor skills.
- The child who does not say "Trick or Treat" or "Thank You" might be nonverbal.
- The child who looks disappointed when they see your bowl might have an allergy.
- The child who isn't wearing a costume, might have Sensory Processing Disorder or Autism.
- The person who looks too old to be trick or treating, might be developmentally delayed.

**Please be accepting, patient, and kind.**

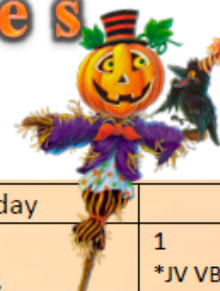



*Dr. Ali Griffith*

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# Humphrey Public Activities

## October 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Check out the website & watch for the most up to date information at <a href="http://www.humphreybulldogs.org">www.humphreybulldogs.org</a> ! Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts.				1 *JV VB Tourney @ Stanton *SB Quad @ Genoe *Varsity VB Tourney @ Clarkson
2 *Booster Club/Post Prom 7:00pm	3 *JH FB vs Twin River @ LHF *JV FB vs Twin River @ LHF *SB Sub-Districts @ TBD	4 *Dance Practice *C/JV VB vs Scotus @ HHS	5 *FFA Meeting	6 *EHC XC @ North Bend *VB Triangular @ Twin River	7 *SB District @ TBD *FB @ East Butler	8 *JH XC State @ Papillion
9	10 *JH FB @ Clarkson *JV FB @ Clarkson *JH VB @ Howells *School Board Meeting 9:00pm	11 *10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-ACT *JH VB vs Twin River @ Silver Creek	12 *Cheer Practice *Banking at School *SB State @ Hastings	13 *NO SCHOOL GRADES PK-6 *XC Districts @ TBD *VB EHC @ TBD *SB State @ Hastings	14 *FCCLA Meeting *End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter *FB vs St. Francis @ HHS *SB State @ Hastings	15 *VB EHC @ Wisner
16	17 *Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	18 *JH FB @ Stanton *VB Triangular @ Central City	19 *1:00pm Student Dismissal *Dance Practice *Teacher In-Service	20 PICTURE RETAKES	21 *FCCLA Meeting *XC State @ Kearney	22
23	24 *VB Sub-Districts @ TBD	25	26 *Cheer Practice *Banking in School	27	28	29 *VB District Finals
30	31 					



# Humphrey Public School

## October 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Menus subject to change.</p> <p>Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast.</p> <p>Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch.</p> <p><i>Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.</i></p>  <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider &amp; employer.</p>				<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> 
<p>3</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Cheesy Hashbrowns Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Chili/Soup Cinnamon Roll Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Pork Patty on a Bun Tater Tots Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Goulash Corn Fruit/Veggie Bar Garlic Stick</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Fiestada Romaine Lettuce Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo over Noodles Steamed Veggies Fruit/Veggie Bar Garlic Bread</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Philly Steak Sandwich French Fries Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Chips Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Chicken Fajita over Rice or Tortilla Green Beans Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Taco in a Bag Lettuce Corn Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Chicken Patty on a Bun Cheesy Broccoli Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Cheese Pull Aparts w/Sauce Calif. Blend Veggies Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Green Beans Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Flying Saucer (PK-3 Hot Dogs) Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Chines over Rice Broccoli Fruit/Veggie Bar Dinner Bun</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Nachos Lettuce Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Pizza Romaine Lettuce Corn Fruit/Veggie Bar</p>