



From the Superintendent's desk:

Rather than starting my newsletter out with information dealing with the pandemic, I thought I would use part of my newsletter to recognize and thank our nine school board members for their outstanding leadership and dedication. This group of nine are very instrumental in providing our students a high-quality education, setting policy for our district, and helping set tax levies for the various school funds. I am very appreciative of their time and commitment to our school. There is not a lot of glory and fame in being a school board member, and typically they don't receive the recognition or appreciation they truly deserve. Generally speaking, the only time they hear from district patrons is when they are upset about something or someone at school. School board members dedicate their time and efforts trying to provide the students at Humphrey Public School the best education possible. One of the problems schools are experiencing, similar to the teacher shortage, is a school board member shortage. School districts are having to recruit people to sign up and run for school board positions. The public needs to understand, board members are not paid and volunteer their time to be in these positions. When I attend professional conferences, I am often asked to share my thoughts (positive or negative) of having a nine-member board of education because most boards of education in Nebraska have only six members. My response is and has always been very positive. I've never had problems or concerns working with nine different people because the board members that I've worked with in my 19 years here as Superintendent have been awesome. We have always been able to have professional discussions and most importantly, board members have not come in with hidden agendas. I've appreciated their willingness to work together and listen/respect other's opinions and ideas. The one common theme with our current board of nine is they always base their decisions on what is best for our student's education.



I want to thank and recognize our school board members for their continued support for academics and activities at Humphrey Public School. Board members include: President Kevin Kallweit, Vice-President Ron Zach, Treasurer Tim Meyer, Secretary Julie Preister and board members Jenny Baumgart, Mike Brandl, Paul Schemek, Alan Huettner and Aaron Korth.



I want to bring you up-to-date with COVID-19 protocols and the ever-changing situation statewide and locally. New information related to COVID is released weekly, if not daily, and misinformation can cause confusion for many people. We are currently experiencing numerous illnesses and it is only October. It is very difficult to determine if people are sick/not feeling well due to allergies, head colds, COVID or the plethora of other illnesses. The bottom line is please stay home when you are not feeling well. Because this is such a fluid situation, we are asking everyone to please be flexible and understand there are many opinions and thoughts on what is right and what is wrong. Ultimately, we will do what we believe is best for the health and safety of our students and staff, this has been our main goal since the pandemic started. We want our students to remain in in-person learning and keep our students participating in school activities. In some instances, we may isolate a classroom and require masks, in some cases we may recommend masks but this will be decided on a case-by-case basis with consultation and guidance from our local health department and healthcare practitioners. Regardless of our decisions, some will agree and some will disagree. We ask you to please consider the well-being of ALL of our students/staff including those who have compromised health conditions or who may have a disability and are unable to follow protocols.

One last item as we enter a very busy month of October, if you are looking for information on your child's activities in grades 7-12, go to the school website, and click on the "Calendar" link located near the top of the webpage. The two HLHF links for calendars and schedules will provide you with timely information to keep you informed on your child's activities. As always, if you ever have any questions, please call and get the answers. This will help curb misinformation and eliminate rumors that are greatly appreciated by the teachers and me.

Have a great October and Go Bulldogs!
Mr. Sjuts



From the desk of Mr Kirby

The stores have Halloween candy for sale which means, October is here! I hope all of you have had a great start of the year and have settled in to the routine of class and the different activities.

If you have not, I encourage you to get out and catch a ball game or cross-country meet. In September the Volleyball team won multiple games as they have been on the road for the month. The football team won 3 games in a row including the Homecoming game. Softball has been hard at work as the Twin River Co-op is about .500 so far. Cross country has been busy with multiple different meets in the last few weeks. Last, if you have driven by the bus barn in the early hours of the morning, One-Act has also been hard at work. Look for districts and playoffs here in the next few weeks. Kids would love to see the community at their events.

As the fall season will come to a close here in the next month, please remember that if your child is going to participate in a winter activity that they are going to need a sports physical (if they do not already have one).

Academically, we have finished MAPs testing for the fall! October will bring about the end of the first quarter. You heard me correctly, October 15th will be the end of the 1st quarter. So, students and parents need to check PowerSchool and make sure all assignments are turned in. Last, the Jr class will participate in the P-SAT on October 13 and the So class will participate in the P-ACT also on October 13.

Remember that for the whole 2021-2022 school year that school breakfast and lunch are free for all students at HPS. This is a great opportunity for our kids and a burden lifted off our parents. Take advantage of this program and if you have any questions call the office.

Mr. Kirby



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ELEMENTARY NEWS

From the Desk of Mr. King:

Welcome to October! I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well and enjoying the fall weather. I can't believe how fast the first quarter has flown by. It seems to go faster and faster each year. The end of the first quarter is Friday, October 15, 2021. Just a reminder that on Thursday, October 14, 2021 there will be NO school for grades K-6. Preschool students will have a normal day of school on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Another reminder for Preschool parents, there will be NO preschool on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

On Thursday, September 29, 2021 we held our first elementary Bulldog Rally. This event is to highlight elementary students and their academic success. Some of the things students will be recognized for will be A.R. points, MAP scores, Positive Office Referrals, etc. We envision this to be a positive experience for our students and encourage them to work hard to achieve their goals.

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 for 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 students teacher or Mr. King.

On Monday, September 27, 2021 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 October 4-8, the Humphrey High FCCLA chapter will be holding a food drive to collect items for the FCCLA Backpack Program. Items will be collected within each elementary classroom, with each item being worth different points. The class with the most points at the end of the week will win a prize, which has not yet been determined. The FCCLA group has a goal of collecting 500 items. We hope that you can help them reach their goal!

Picture Day was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. 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 21, 2021. 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 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 October!

MR KING

Positive Office Referrals

The following students were caught being PAWESOME during the month of September!!!



Brooke



Khloe



Kade



Hadlee



Kash



Staaci



Katie



Greetings from the Counselor,

I can't believe we are in the month of October already. I hope that everyone's year is off to a wonderful start. It makes me so happy that we have been able to stay with in-person learning thus far and hope it continues. Always remember, if there is anything I can ever do to assist you, please, let me know. As the uncertain year continues, students, please speak with your parents/guardians, and parents/guardians, please speak with your students about what goes on at school and what major events are coming up. If you ever have any questions, please, reach out to me. I am happy to help.

Elementary: We have been focusing on our emotions. This includes identifying emotions, understanding them, coping with them, and the ways in which we can work to control them. We've focused on the topic of mindfulness and making sure all students have necessary strategies with the uncertain year. I encourage all of you to ask your child about their grounding technique or deep breathing. We will move in to proper treatment of our classmates to also address bullying. Continue to encourage your students to think about their future and excite them for it. Help them explore and fulfill their curiosity!

7-9th grades: I would like to share a couple of tips and tricks to find success in the future.

1. Take school seriously. Make sure we are giving our best efforts. Study, work hard, and ask questions. Your grades do matter now. GPA is beginning to matter, especially 8th and 9th grade year. The grades you earn now will be on your transcript and play a huge role in gaining college admission.
2. Colleges have started to base their decisions for scholarships and admission more on a student's GPA and less on his/her ACT score.
3. Think about different career options and start exploring the possibilities.
4. Attend school events to help build Bulldog Pride!
5. Saving money now will help in the long run.
6. Create and keep a list of all accomplishments, awards, and activities that you have earned so far. You will want this information to place on your future resume. If you write it down now, you will save time in the future.
7. You all have access to an *On to College* account where you have access to test prep already. For those of you motivated and ready to start preparing for the ACT now, this is

a huge resource. www.ontocollege.com You all would have received an email with log in instructions, but if you are struggling, please reach out to me.

10th Grade

1. Consider taking the ACT. If you have decided to, start preparing for it. www.act.org is the magic website. If you qualify for free or reduced lunches, let me know and I can provide you with a fee waiver.
2. You all also have access to a personalized *On to College* account to help you prepare for all levels of testing. I strongly suggest taking advantage of this earlier as opposed to later.
3. Think about career options and research colleges that have the major you are interested in.
4. Work hard, ask questions, and study. Grades matter when getting into college.
5. We will take the Pre-ACT on October 13th.

11th Grade

1. We will be taking the PSAT on October 13th. Refresh your knowledge on English, reading, math, and science concepts. Best of luck!
2. For additional prep work, you all are in a "PSAT/SAT" prep course on *On to College*. The PSAT can qualify you for a major scholarship. I highly encourage you to take advantage of the prep courses as they have proven successful in the previous years.
3. Research colleges. Ask questions and go on college visits. Find a career that you are interested in and want to pursue.
4. Register and take the ACT. It is best to take the ACT at least two times by the end of your junior year. Visit www.act.org for test dates and registration information. If you qualify for free or reduced lunches, let me know and I can provide you with a fee waiver.

12th Grade

1. Retake the ACT if you are not satisfied with your current score. The last two tests accepted by most colleges are October and December; however, some colleges will accept scores past these deadlines. Visit www.act.org to get registered.
2. Create an FSA ID for yourself and one for a parent. This is needed in order to complete your FAFSA. The FAFSA is available on October 1, much sooner than years before. We will be planning a FAFSA night event here at Humphrey to assist with filling out the FAFSA. Please, watch the mail for more details. This is planned to help parents and students with questions you all may have. We will also begin filling out the FAFSA to assist as much as possible. Visit www.fsaaid.ed.gov to create an FSA ID.
3. Apply for Scholarships. I continue to share with all seniors about scholarships that I have been notified of through their school email. I will continue to do so as more become available. Visit www.educationquest.org to find even more state and local scholarships under *Scholarship Quest*.
4. Go on college visits and ask questions.
5. Attend the school visits when colleges are here at Humphrey High. They provide a lot of helpful information, plus free stuff! 😊

Once again, please see me if there are any questions. I am here to help. If I do not know the answer, I will help to find the answer for you.

It is a great day to be a Bulldog



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR OUR KIDS

 Inspect all candy before it is consumed.

 Stay away from animals you don't know.  Carry coins for emergency calls.

 Trick or Treat only at well-lit houses.

 Do not enter a stranger's home.

 Drive carefully and be safe.

 Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.

 Have emergency contact information attached to costumes and treat bags.

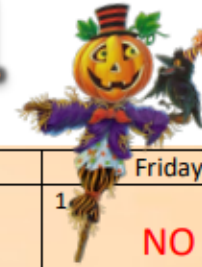
 Consider reflective tape or striping to costumes and treat bags.

 Stay on sidewalks, use flashlights, and avoid crossing yards.



"Make Halloween a fun safe and happy time for your kids!!"

October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>Check out the website & watch for the most up to date information at www.humphreybulldogs.org !</p> <p>Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>* HS FB @ Omaha Brownell Talbot 7:00pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>*JV VB Tourney @ West Point</p> <p>*SB @ Genoa</p> <p>*Varsity VB Tourney @ Clarkson</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>*FCCLA Food Drive</p> <p>*SB Sub-Districts</p> <p>*JH FB vs East Butler @ Dwight</p>	<p>5</p> <p>*FCCLA Food Drive</p> <p>*C/JV VB @ Columbus Scotus</p>	<p>6</p> <p>*FCCLA Food Drive</p> <p>*FFA Meeting 7:30am</p>	<p>7</p> <p>*FCCLA Food Drive</p> <p>*XC ECH Meet @ North Bend</p> <p>*HS VB Triangular @ HHS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>*FCCLA Food Drive</p> <p>*Feed A Farmer @ CVA</p> <p>*SB Districts</p> <p>*HS FB @ Nebraska Christian</p>	<p>9</p> <p>*JH XC State @ Papillion</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>*JH VB @ Howells-Dodge</p> <p>*School Board Mtg 9:00pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>*Spirit Practice 7:15am</p> <p>*JH VB vs Twin River @ LHF</p>	<p>13</p> <p>*State SB @ Hastings</p>	<p>14</p> <p>*No School K-6: Teacher in Service</p> <p>*PK & 7-12 School Only</p> <p>*HS VB ECH @ TBD</p> <p>*HS XC District @ Pender</p>	<p>15</p> <p>*End of First Quarter</p> <p>*Dance Practice 7:30am</p> <p>*HS FB vs Cross County @ LHF</p>	<p>16</p> <p>*HS VB ECH Finals @ West Point Beemer</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>*Start of Second Quarter</p> <p>*JH VB vs Wisner-Pilger @ LHF</p>	<p>19</p> <p>*HS VB Triangular @ Nebraska Christian</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:00 Dismissal for Students</p> <p>No Preschool</p> <p>*Teacher In Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>PICTURE RETAKES</p>	<p>22</p> <p>*FFA Fruit Sales Start</p> <p>*HS XC State @ Kearney</p> <p>*Feed a Farmer @ CVA</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Happy Halloween</p>	<p>25</p> <p>*HS VB Sub-Districts @ TBD</p>	<p>26</p> <p>*Spirit Practice 7:15am</p>	<p>27</p> <p>*National FFA Convention</p>	<p>28</p> <p>*National FFA Convention</p>	<p>29</p> <p>*National FFA Convention</p> <p>*Kindergarten to the Pumpkin Patch</p>	<p>30</p> <p>*National FFA Convention</p> <p>*HS VB District Finals @ TBD</p>
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Menus subject to change. Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch. Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.</p>  <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.</p>				<p>NO SCHOOL</p> 
<p>4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chinese over Rice Broccoli Peaches</p>	<p>5 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pork Patty on a Bun Green Beans Pears</p>	<p>6 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Taco in a Bag Lettuce Black Beans or Corn Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>7 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sloppy Jo on a Bun Baked Beans Applesauce</p>	<p>8 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pretzel & Cheese Corn Mixed Fruit</p>
<p>11 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mini Corn Dog Corn Oranges Bread Stick</p>	<p>12 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soup/Chili Cinnamon Roll Pears</p>	<p>13 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Peaches Dinner Bun</p>	<p>14 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Tornados or Pig in a Blanket French Fries Applesauce</p>	<p>15 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Quesadilla Lettuce Star Apple</p>
<p>18 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Alfredo over Noodles Peas Peaches Bread Stick</p>	<p>19 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Flying Saucer Mashed Potatoes Pears Dinner Bun</p>	<p>20 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soft Shell Taco Lettuce Banana</p>	<p>21 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Corn Oranges Dinner Bun</p>	<p>22 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Broccoli Applesauce</p>
<p>25 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Sandwich Potato Smiles Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>26 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti with Sauce Corn Pears Bread Stick</p>	<p>27 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Beef N Bean Burrito or Hot Dog on a Bun Chips Baked Beans Oranges</p>	<p>28 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Peaches Dinner Bun</p>	<p>29 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Fiestada Romaine Lettuce Apples</p>