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SEPTEMBER EDITION

The start of the 2024-2025 school year has been awesome! It has been great having students and staff back in the building! Thank you to all of our students, staff, and parents for helping Humphrey Public Schools get off to an amazing start to the 2024-2025 school year. Your excitement and enthusiasm about a new school year has been a joy to observe.

As our activities are beginning, I would encourage you to attend the Booster Club meetings that are held once a month. These meetings are important for parents of all ages to attend and become involved. The Booster Club provides so many additional funding opportunities for teachers, groups, and students. They need your help in being a voice and an active member whether your student is in first grade or a junior in high school. All help is greatly appreciated.

The Humphrey Board of Education voted to approve a resolution calling for a bond election not to exceed \$29,500,000 to construct a new grades 7-12 facility. An update on the bond process was sent out to every district resident. Be on the look out for additional bond information leading up to the November 5, 2024 general election. If you have any guestions or would like to schedule a tour of the building, please contact the school. We would be happy to answer your questions or schedule a tour.



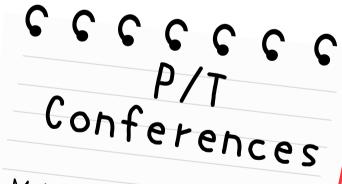
Last spring, Humphrey Public Schools completed their School Improvement External visit. We now begin our next five year cycle, for which we we will be setting school improvement goals. Along with goal setting, we will be revisiting our districts mission and vision statement. As we work through this process, there will be times that we request feedback from parents. We would greatly appreciate your help!

On Wednesday, September 25, 2024 Humphrey Public Schools will be hosting the 3rd Annual HWY 91 Career Day. This event was developed by the HWY 91 School Counselors. With it being our year to host the event, we will not be having school for grades PK-6 that day. We will need to use all of the classrooms for presentations. This is a great event for our students to see what career opportunities there are within our local communities down HWY 91.

As I end my letter, I will continue to do my very best to model the importance of respect for staff and others, promote Bulldog pride in our school, and provide a safe and productive learning environment that fosters a postive and rewarding experience here at Humphrey Public Schools.

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 an awesome September. GO BULLDOGS!

Pr. King



Make sure to mark your calendars for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024.



THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

September 2024

Thank you all for helping the 2024-2025 school year off and running. It does not take long for the activities to start and for the calendar to get full. Before we get too deep into the year I just wanted to make sure that I went over a few things.

- The D/F list will come out every Monday for the remainder of the quarter. Please make sure that your student is aware of the PowerSchool sing-in information to keep track of their grades. If you need this information, please contact Mrs. Luedtke.
- There were no major changes to the student handbook for this year. However, I did go over a few of the rules that I felt are becoming an issue (in general). I explained to the students that their phones are to be in their lockers at all times. I also stated that there are to be no games played on their computers while at school unless a staff member has assigned it to them. Last, I have had YouTube turned off unless for educational purposes.
- Volleyball, Softball, Cross Country, and Football have all started their respective seasons. Please check the sports calendar and make a few ball games. The kids have been working hard this fall season so far.
- Every few weeks I will send out a connect5 message if a student's lunch balance falls below zero dollars. Please communicate with Pam about your balance and/or submitting payments. We are trying to work with PowerSchool so that you may see your balance.
- The Diversified Occupations program at HHS has started off on a great note. This fall semester 7 students have joined the program. The program allows Srs the ability to leave at 12:15pm daily and go to work. The program is geared to help students develop skills that they will need when they enter the workforce full time.

Thank you. Mr. Kírby



SEPTEMBER 2024 *Elementary News*

From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:

With the 2024-2025 school year underway, we love seeing the smiles as students walk through our doors. It has been a GREAT start to the school year and we are excited to have everyone back in our building.

I would like to give a big SHOUT OUT to our elementary teachers for helping with our Elementary Open House on August 13th. As we get into the swing of things with school activities, please make sure that you are checking out our website for schedule updates <u>www.humphreybulldogs.org</u>. If you can't locate something on the website, please feel free to contact the school and we can assist you. In addition to our website, make sure to follow the HPS Bulldogs on Facebook and Twitter for updates as well. If you ever have any questions pertaining to the schedule, please contact the school office.

With a new year beginning also means another round of assessments. The elementary students have completed their Acadience testing. The district MAP assessments will begin the week in mid-September and will be completed by the end of September. The MAP assessments provide valuable feedback on student growth and identify certain areas for teachers to focus on to reinforce skills. As your child's grade is taking the assessments, it is important that our students are in attendance, get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast so that they can test to the best of their abilities.

I want to thank our bus route drivers for all they do to help get our students to school and home safely. Just a reminder that extra riders on the bus will not be allowed. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



The last thing that I would like to remind parents is calling into the school office to let us know if your student will be absent. Notification can be by phone call, email, or note. If attending an appointment of any kind, please make sure to have a note signed by the staff of the medical facility your appointment was held. Those can be brought into the school office or they can be faxed. If it is faxed, please call and check to see that we received them. Sometimes they don't always come through. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

As I wrap up my letter, I would recommend that you continue to have conversations with your children about attendance at school and being positive leaders in our school and community. Encourage them to work their hardest in all that they do. With a team effort, we can make this school year outstanding for our students. If you ever have any questions or would like to talk, please feel free to stop in my office or give me a call. My door is always open! As always, we will continue to strive to be our Bulldog BEST everyday!

Educationally Yours,

Mr. Rathje



Welcome back to school! I think we can all agree that it's nice to feel a small sense of normalcy again. I believe it is of upmost importance to be flexible, understanding, empathetic, and overall good human beings. As we move throughout the year, please keep in mind that teachers, staff, and students are doing their very best to make the most of the educational and social opportunities for the wellbeing of Bulldog nation.

It is great to be back for my ninth year with Humphrey Public Schools. Similar to last year, I will write monthly to share important information and updates. In regards to the elementary, I will share the topics we have discussed and those we plan to discuss in the near future along with activities we have or will complete. I will provide the Junior High and High School students and parents with helpful tips, information, and encouraged tasks to complete within the month. If there is ever a concern you would like addressed in the elementary, or information shared with many students, please feel free to contact me. I would love to include the information.

Elementary: In Guidance, we will focus on three Units: Academics, Social/Emotional wellbeing, and College and Career readiness. We will utilize the Positive Action curriculum whenever possible. The classroom teachers have bought into the importance of educating the entire child and have implanted this within the school day. We are hopeful that we will continue to see growth in all of our students. To accompany this, our school psychologist and I will work with students in smaller groups where we will continue to discuss the lessons learned in class while also having the opportunity to work through class conflicts, personal hygiene, and other important and necessary topics.

There will be activities, videos, readings, speakers, and other information given throughout the year. The first month in Guidance, we will refresh with an introduction, expectations, and ice breakers. We have some new faces in the classrooms, so I want to make sure we are all on the same page. I will take this time to get to know them further as well as our awesome students returning. We will begin talking about how to be a good student and the ways we can be the best classmates as well.

Junior High:

- To the seventh graders, welcome to the other side of the building. Remember with more freedom comes more responsibility.
- It is up to you all to make sure you are asking questions if you do not understand, turning in your homework on time, and communicating to your teachers and parents on necessary items such as being absent for a school activity.
- To the eighth graders, remember that you were the most recent ones in the seventh graders' positions. Please, be the best role models and help them out with necessary advice or assistance when needed. Also, set a good example of work ethic and school spirit to build a stronger community.
- Remember your grades are important, and in classes such as Algebra, begin affecting your high school GPA. Remember to stay organized and work hard in all that you do.

9th-10th Grade:

- Grades matter. Many students find it difficult to get an ACT score they would really like to have. ACT scores do play a big role in your future with college admittance and scholarships. Another key component in that is your GPA and class rank. If your GPA is high, it can help offset an ACT score that is not where you would like it to be. On the topic of the ACT, consider the option of taking the ACT as an underclassman. You should all be aware of the switch from NSCAS to ACT as juniors, meaning all juniors will take the ACT at school. In order to prepare yourselves, sometimes it is beneficial to know what the test will be like by taking it when you are younger. This is not required but something to consider.
- Also, begin to research colleges you have an interest in. Check if these colleges have the degree that you would like to pursue, and then do some more research. Please, see me if you have any questions at all.

11th Grade:

- You are all at the big ACT year. Six years ago, the state of Nebraska transitioned from the NESA, now NSCAS, state assessment for juniors and switched to the ACT. This provides the opportunity for all students to take the ACT free of charge as well as having access to beneficial preparatory materials. The school will handle all registration for this ACT.
- On top of the state ACT, you may be interested in taking the ACT on your own. In order to do this, register at <u>www.act.org</u>. You will be able to create an account and register for a future test. The ACT costs \$68.00 with no writing. If you want the optional writing section, the ACT costs \$93.00. The State ACT will include writing, but this is for state purposes not the colleges. Many ask the question of whether or not writing is necessary. Colleges do not typically require a writing score. It is beneficial if planning to pursue a degree that includes writing such as journalism, but not typically needed or taken otherwise.
- If your family qualifies for free and reduced lunches or at an income that would qualify, please see me. We have available fee waivers that cover the test costs.
- Also in your junior year, you will want to begin doing more research on colleges, including visiting them. If interested, there will be area College Fairs occurring in both Lincoln and Omaha. I am not aware of those dates at this time, but I will communicate

with you all via email and posters when the dates are released. The College fairs include area colleges and gives you the opportunity to speak to many colleges at one location. You may ask questions in regards to admission requirements, scholarships, and degree possibilities. These events will likely be virtual this year, so pay attention for an email with information.

• College reps will be in person and available through zoom this year. As juniors, we encourage you to meet with any rep from the colleges you have even a slight interest in. Hopefully, we can start to narrow down your future plans.

12th Grade:

- 1. Welcome to the top of the pyramid. Please, remember how many students are looking up to you to set a good example. Begin to narrow down your career choice and college choice. If you are not sure on a destination, make sure to visit the colleges as soon as you can. The visits will likely be virtual this year, but in-person ones are happening in certain locations. I can also help you narrow down your options and register for visits if you would like.
- 2. Another topic to be familiar with is the FAFSA. This determines what aid you may receive while in college. Beginning on December 1, you will be able to fill out the FAFSA. New this year, ALL students must complete the FAFSA even if you do not plan to accept aid for college. In order to do so, you and ONE parent will need to have FSA Ids. There is current legislation that will likely require BOTH parents to fill out the FAFSA. You can create these on <u>www.fsaid.ed.gov</u>. Do not stress too much about this. We will have a FAFSA night to help with many of the concerns you may be experiencing. I am also available to help whenever possible. Central Community College and Northeast Community College along with Education Quest also provide individualized and expert assistance on the FAFSA. You will need to call to make an appointment.
- 3. It is always the right time to look for scholarships. I always recommend Scholarship Quest in partnership with Education Quest. There are other great resources out there. If ever it asks for a social security number and it is not directly from the college, DO NOT give it out. The Scholarship is likely not valid. If ever you find one and are not sure, do not hesitate to send me the link and I will research the validity of the scholarship.
- 4. Always watch your email for information and scholarship opportunities from me!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will do my best to answer them as soon as possible.

It is a great day to be a Bulldog!

Miss Oelsligle pK-12 School Counselor camio@humphrey.esu7.org

Humphrey Agricultural Education Program Student Teacher

Hello, my name is Abigail Lutjelusche, and I am currently a senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln majoring in Agricultural Education with a minor in Animal Science. This semester, I will be student teaching under Mrs. Robyn Graham at Humphrey High School.

I grew up on a farm northeast of Columbus where my family runs a diversified farm including cattle, sheep, pigs, and crops. I developed a strong passion for agriculture throughout my youth which expanded to include education as I entered high school. During high school, I was an active member of the Lakeview FFA chapter competing in various contests, attending countless events, and even serving as my chapter's president for both my junior and senior years. Some of my favorite contests include parliamentary procedure, public speaking, agricultural sales, and livestock judging. The impact my ag teachers had on me has inspired me to impact the next generation through agricultural education.

During my time at UNL, I have made the most of every opportunity. I was extremely fortunate to work in the Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication Department as a student worker and coordinator for Nebraska FFA's State Career Development Events. Additionally, I was an active member and officer in the ALEC Teacher Preparation Club and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Student Advisory Board. Throughout my summers, I have continued my education through internship experiences including writing curriculum as an agricultural science education intern, interning for the Farm Service Agency, and working on assessment development projects for 412 Development.

I have strived to participate in experiences that will help me provide the best learning environment for my students as possible. I am grateful to be able to learn from Mrs. Graham this semester and teach in a supportive school that pushes its students to succeed. I know this will be a great experience to grow academically and personally. Upon my graduation in December, I will begin my career as an agricultural educator and FFA advisor at Crofton Community School.



HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 2024-2025 CALENDAR

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JULY 2024 S M T W Th F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 - -	No School1:00pm DismissalTeacher Work DayP/T Conf. (No School)PK First/Last DayNo School (PK-6)	JANUARY 2025 S M T W Th F S Image: Colspan="4">Image: Colspan="4" Image: Colspan="4" Imag	 01-02 No School 03 Staff PD Day @ ESU 7 (No School) 06 Teacher In-Service (No School) 07 Students Return to School January Teacher Days: 21 Student Days: 19
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO SCHOOL *Booster Club/Post Prom Meeting	3 *SB @ Tekamah *VB vs Lyons Decatur @ HHS (C/JV/V)	4 *ASVAB for Juniors *FFA Greenhand Day	5 *Cheer Practice *SB Triangular @ Genoa *XC @ Beemer *VB Triangular@ Homer	6 *HS FB @ Veridgre *JH XC @ Madison	7 *SB @ Fairbury Tournament
8	9 *FCCLA Food Fight *SB vs York @ Genoa (JV/V) *JV FB @ Madison *School Board Meeting	10 PICTURE DAY *FCCLA Food Fight *SB vs Polk County @ Genoa (JV/V) *VB @ GACC (C/JV/V)	11 *FCCLA Food Fight *Banking In School *FFA Meeting	12 *FCCLA Food Fight *Dance Practice *VB vs North Bend @ HHS (C,JV,V)	13 *FCCLA Food Fight *JH/HS XC @ Norfolk *HS FB vs Elkhorn Valley @ HHS	14 *FCCLA Food Fight *SB Tournament @ Columbus Lakeview *JH VB @ Clarkson Tournament *VB (V) @ Friend Tournament
15	16 *SB vs Yutan/Mead @ Genoa *JH VB @ Clarkson- Leigh *JH FB vs NG/St. Ed @ HHS *JV FB vs NG/St. Ed @ HHS	17 *JH VB @ GACC *SB @ Hastings (JV/V) *VB vs Oakland-Craig @ HHS (C/JV/V)	18 1:00 pm Student Dismissal	19 *Cheer Practice *SB vs GICC @ Genoa (JV/V) *JH/HS XC @ Pender *HS VB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ HHS (C,JV,V)	20 *FCCLA Meeting *HS FB @ Madison	21 *JH VB @ Lakeview Tournament * VB (V) @ Cross County Tournament *C Team VB @ North Bend Tournament
22	23 *SB (JV) Triangular @ Genoa *JH VB vs Riverside @ HHS *JH FB @ Spalding *JV FB @ Spalding *JV/C VB vs LCC @ HHS	24 *SB vs Pierce @ Genoa (JV/V) *VB (V) Triangular @ Logan View	25 NO SCHOOL FOR GRADES PK-6 *HWY 91 Career Day (Grades 10-12)	26 *Dance Practice *SB @ St. Paul (JV/V) *VB (V) Triangular @ HHS	27 *FFA Feed a Farmer *JH/HS XC @ Albion *FB vs NG/St. Ed @ HHS *Homecoming	28 *Marching Band @ Columbus Parade *G. Golf @ Stanton *Homecoming Coronation/Dance
29	30 *HS XC @ Kearney *JH VB @ Stanton *JH FB @ Clarks *JV FB @Clarks		www.humph	out the website & watch fo nreybulldogs.org ! Activitie conflicts, etc. Please watch	s are subject to change c	due to unforeseen

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Humphrey Public School September 2024 Lunch Menu



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
NO SCHOOL	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal
LABURDAY	McRibb on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Chicken Alfredo Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bread Stick	Pretzel Bites w/Cheese or Mac N Cheese Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Shreded Pork on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
9	10	11	12	13
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal
Chicken & Waffels Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Dinner Bun	Corn Dog or Pull Aparts Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Flying Saucer Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Beef N Bean Burrito or Hot Dog on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Stuffed Crust Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
16	17	18	19	20
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal
Popcorn Chicken Bowl Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Pork Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Tater Tot Casserole Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Taco in a Bag Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Hamburger on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
23	24	25	26+	27
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal
Soft Shell Tacos Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Sloppy Jo Chips Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
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Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal	Menus subject to change. Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, Long John, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast.			
Chicken Drumstick Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch. Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am. USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.			

Is it a cold, the flu, or allergies?

Use this table to check your child's symptoms. If you can identify the problem, it can be easier to help your child get relief.

	COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES
Fever	MAYBE	YES	NO
Sore throat	YES	MAYBE	MAYBE
Cough	YES	YES	NO
Itchy throat or nose	NO	NO	YES
Sneezing	YES	MAYBE	YES
Stuffy or runny nose	YES	MAYBE	YES
Itchy, watery eyes	NO	NO	YES
Chest congestion	YES	YES	NO
Muscle aches	MAYBE	YES	NO
When symptoms start	Gradually	Suddenly	On contact with allergy trigger (pollen, animal dander)
How long	Up to 2 weeks	3 to 7 days (typically)	Weeks or months
Contagious	YES	YES	NO

What can you do to provide symptom relief?

Ask your child's healthcare professional about over-the-counter medicines, like Children's TYLENOL[®], Children's MOTRIN[®], or Children's ZYRTEC[®].