



From the Superintendent's desk:

Rather than starting my newsletter out with information dealing with the pandemic, I thought I would share the great news about the waiver we received from the USDA. Humphrey Public School applied and received this waiver from the USDA that provides meals (breakfast and lunch) free of charge to ALL students beginning September 1 through December 22, 2020, or until the funds run out. Students must continue to choose a complete meal containing at least three items, and one must be a fruit or vegetable to qualify for the free meal. Extra food items like second entrees, additional milk, or any other items are not included in the waiver. Unfortunately, this waiver is for students only and does not apply to other staff. From the information we received from USDA, meal prices will return to normal status in January when we return to school after Christmas break. We hope all of our students will take advantage of the free breakfast and lunch. If you have any questions, please give us a call at school and we will be happy help in any way possible.

There is another exciting opportunity for our students in grades 9-12 that will start in November and that is Bowling. The school board at Humphrey Public approved my recommendation to start a Bowling team at our August 10 school board meeting. High school bowling was sanctioned as a championship sport last spring by the NSAA, meaning high school teams will compete for a state championship similar to other NSAA activities. We will coop this sport with Lindsay Holy Family, we will have both a girls and boys bowling team. Students in grades 9-12 who are interested in bowling will be asked to sign up in the near future to get an idea of how many kids we will have on each team. I have talked with Scott Hanis, owner of the Humphrey Bowling alley. Mr. Hanis is very supportive of our school's new bowling teams and has agreed to allow our students to practice and have our bowling matches at his bowling alley. I want to thank Scott for allowing us to use his facility!!!

I want to thank all of our parents for attending parent-teacher conferences on Monday, September 28. We required all parents to complete a temperature check and wear a mask for conferences. We greatly appreciated your cooperation as we continue our goal of keeping students and staff safe and in school. Our parents are AWESOME!!! Speaking of our COVID-19 protocols, at our September 28 teacher in-service, we told our teachers to continue safe mask breaks for students by taking them outside, anytime they see the need for a mask break. Our students and staff have adapted very well to wearing masks. There are several classes that were able to social distance (minimum of six feet) because of small numbers in the classroom. We are now going to have students keep their masks on even if a six-foot social distance is achieved (with one-two exceptions). We have seen an increase of students coughing and sneezing due to the peak season of allergies and flu virus. Humphrey Public believes the protocols we have in place are allowing our students and staff to stay healthy that allows everyone to stay in school where students learn best.

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

### October Dates To Remember:

- \*10/08/2020: FFA Meeting 7:30am
- \*10/14/2020: PSAT Test for Juniors. Farm Safety Academy
- \*10/15/2020: No school for grades PK-6
- \*10/16/2020: End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- \*10/21/2020: 1:00pm Student dismissal. No Preschool. Teacher in-service.
- \*10/22/2020: Picture retakes
- \*10/28/2020: Student health screenings



**From the Principal's Desk:**

Welcome to October! I can't believe how fast the first quarter has flown by. It seems to go faster and faster each year. With the new year underway, all activities are in full swing. It has been great to watch all of our students compete in their receptive activities, even with the adjustments due to COVID-19. If you haven't had an opportunity to see our teams play, make sure to check the website for Livestreaming links. I want to thank Mrs. Luedtke and our student helpers for making Livestreaming a possibility for those that are not able to attend.

Students are wrapping up our Fall testing window for MAP testing. Students in grades 2-11 complete this district assessment two times during the school year. This assessment adapts to students and their knowledge of the content area in Language, Reading, Math, and Science. This assessment provides our teachers with valuable data to help determine areas of strength and areas of focus moving forward through the year. When all students are complete, reports will be sent home to parents. If you have any questions after you receive them, please don't hesitate to contact their teacher or myself. We would be glad to help any questions you may have.

On Monday, September 28, 2020 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.

On Tuesday, September 22, our seniors took the ACT at the Humphrey Community Center. HPS seniors were to take this assessment during their junior year as part of the statewide assessment. The Nebraska Department of Education wanted to still offer this assessment to students cross Nebraska at no cost to the student or school districts. I appreciate the seniors and their hard work in completing the ACT.

As we continue through the year and we have different events happening, please remember to check our website for up-to-date information. We want our website to be the place to go to find information pertaining to events. Looking for information regarding Co-op activities, Mrs. Hanzel has created a great document for information and is very useful with leave times and times of events. She also keeps this document updated on a regular basis.

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**



## GREETING 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. 6<sup>th</sup> grade has spent some time talking about their future careers as well. We will continue to talk about these areas and other ways to be a great student. 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!

7-9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ontocollege.com) You all would have received an email with log in instructions, but if you are struggling, please reach out to me.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade

1. Consider taking the ACT. If you have decided to, start preparing for it. [www.act.org](http://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.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

1. We are a part of a study this year for the PSAT. Everyone will be testing at no cost on October 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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! ☺

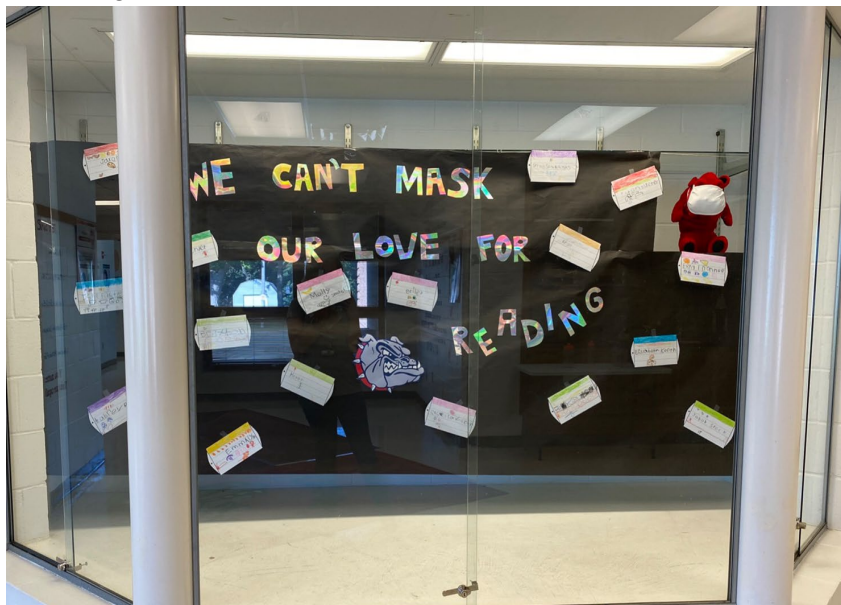
Once again, please see me if there are any questions. I am here to help. If I do not know the answer, I will help to find the answer for you.

It is a great day to be a Bulldog!  
Miss Oelsligle





The beginning of the Humphrey Public School year has been anything but ordinary, but it has been amazing to watch the staff, students, and community work together to keep everyone healthy by wearing masks. The students at HPS have done a great job of keeping their masks on and understanding the importance of wearing a mask. The students and staff members have been especially great in adjusting to all of the new changes that COVID-19 required to be implemented. To help keep the students and staff stay positive in the midst of all of the new changes, all members of HPS have been doing their very best to display positive attitudes and encourage others to do the same.



The Kindergarten class at HPS decided that making a September display case with a mask theme would be a great way to bring more joy into the school building. The display says "We can't mask our love for reading" and has drawings of masks the Kindergarten students decorated with a few of their favorite things. We, at Humphrey Public School, have learned that this pandemic is much easier to deal with when you have a sense of humor and a positive attitude.





Humphrey Public Schools will participate in the USDA waiver program and will begin permitting every enrolled student to receive a full breakfast and full lunch meal each day for **FREE**. We will backdate this program to Tuesday, September 1, 2020 and will run thru December 22, 2020.

Current student balances will be used for extra servings, additional milk at meal times or milk breaks for younger students. These items are not part of the USDA waiver. If student balances are not used as outlined above, funds will carry over for the use of regular meals after December 22nd.

If you have any questions regarding the waiver program, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



# Humphrey Public School

## October 2020



| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| <p>Menus subject to change.<br/>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 &amp; employer.</p>  |   |   | <p>1<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Chicken Parmesan<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>Broccoli<br/>Peaches<br/>Breadstick</p>        | <p>2<br/><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br/></p> |
| <p>5<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Mini Corn Dogs<br/>Green Beans<br/>Mandarin Orange<br/>Dinner Bun</p>   | <p>6<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Spaghetti &amp; Sauce<br/>Corn<br/>Pears<br/>Breadstick</p>           | <p>7<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Flying Saucer<br/>Baked Bean or Broccoli<br/>Peaches<br/>Dinner Bun</p> | <p>8<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Pork Fritter on a Bun<br/>French Fries<br/>Squash<br/>Applesauce</p>                    | <p>9<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Fiestada<br/>Romaine Lettuce<br/>Corn<br/>Pineapple<br/>Cookie</p>    |
| <p>12<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Soup/Chili<br/>Cinnamon Roll<br/>Mandarin Oranges</p>  | <p>13<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Goulash<br/>Corn<br/>Peaches<br/>Breadstick</p>                      | <p>14<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Chicken &amp; Waffles<br/>Green Beans<br/>Banana</p>                   | <p>15<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Pigs in a Blanket<br/>Baked Beans<br/>Fruit Bar</p>                                    | <p>16<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Sloppy Jo on a Bun<br/>Tater Tots<br/>Peas<br/>Star Apple</p>        |
| <p>19<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Shredded Pork on a Bun<br/>Green Beans<br/>Applesauce</p>  | <p>20<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Chicken Alfredo over Noodles<br/>Corn<br/>Peaches<br/>Dinner Bun</p> | <p>21<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Nachos<br/>Lettuce<br/>Corn<br/>Pineapple</p>                          | <p>22<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Popcorn Chicken<br/>Bowl<br/>Broccoli or Baked Beans<br/>Apple &amp; Peanut Butter</p> | <p>23<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Pizza<br/>Lettuce<br/>Pears<br/>Banana Cake</p>                      |
| <p>26<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Chicken Nuggets<br/>Baked Beans<br/>Peaches<br/>Dinner Bun</p>   | <p>27<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Taco in a Bag<br/>Corn<br/>Orange Slices</p>                         | <p>28<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Chinese over Rice<br/>Broccoli<br/>Pineapple<br/>Fortune Cookie</p>    | <p>29<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Salisbury Steak<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>Green Beans<br/>Applesauce<br/>Dinner Bun</p>  | <p>30<br/>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal<br/>~~~~~<br/>Monster Toes<br/>Wiggly Worms<br/>Bat Brains<br/>Witches Brew</p>    |



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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                       | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| Check out the website & watch for the most up to date information at <a href="http://www.humphreybulldogs.org">www.humphreybulldogs.org</a> !<br>Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information. |   |                               |   | 1<br>•JH/HS CC @ Stanton<br>•VB @ Omaha Concordia (C/JV/V)                                 | 2<br><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><br>•FB vs Omaha Brownell Talbot @ HHS <u>3:00pm</u> | 3<br>•JV VB Tourney @ Stanton<br>•VB Tourney @ Clarkson |
| 4<br><br>   | 5<br>•FFA Officer Mtg 7:20am<br>•JH FB vs East Butler @ HHS<br>•One Act Practice <u>6:30pm</u><br>•Booster Club/Post Prom <u>7:00pm</u> | 6                             | 7<br>•FFA Meeting <u>7:30am</u>   | 8<br>•HS EHC CC @ Madison<br>•One Act Practice <u>6:30pm</u>                               | 9<br>•Feed A Farmer<br>•FB vs Nebraska Christian @ LHF <u>4:00pm</u>              | 10<br>•VB Triangular @ HHS<br>•JH State CC @ Papillion  |
| 11  | 12<br>•JH VB @ Howells-Dodge<br>•One Act Practice <u>6:30pm</u><br>•School Board Mtg <u>9:00pm</u>                                      | 13<br>•JH VB vs Twin River    | 14<br>•PSAT Test for Juniors<br>•FFA Safety Academy ( <u>2:30-3:15pm</u> )              | 15<br><br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><b>Grades PK-6</b><br>•District CC @ Pender<br>•VB EHC @ TBD | 16<br>•End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter<br>•Feed A Farmer<br>•FB @ Cross County     | 17<br>•VB EHC @ Stanton                                 |
| 18  | 19<br>•Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter<br>•JH VB @ Wisner-Pilger<br>•One Act Practice <u>6:30pm</u>                                    | 20<br>•VB Triangular @ HHS    | 21<br><u>1:00pm Dismissal for Students</u><br><b>No Preschool</b><br>Teacher In-Service | 22<br><br><b>PICTURE RETAKES</b>   | 23<br>• State CC @ Kearney  | 24  |
| 25  | 26<br>•Staff Flu Shots <u>3:15pm</u><br>•VB Sub-Districts @ TBD   | 27<br>•VB Sub-Districts @ TBD | 28  | 29<br>•One Act Practice <u>6:30pm</u>  | 30  | 31<br>•VB District Finals @ TBD<br><br>                 |