

# November 2018 Newsletter



From the Superintendent's desk:

As we transition from October to November, the fall sports seasons came to an end for three of our athletic teams including softball, cross country and football. The volleyball team will be participating in sub-districts at David City Aquinas on October 29 and 30. The One Act Play cast and crew have also been working hard in the evenings preparing for their upcoming season. I want to thank all the students and coaches/sponsors for their hard work and dedication this fall season as they put in many hours preparing for their respective seasons. I want to share with our parents and students a change made by the NSAA last spring that is in effect this year in sub-districts for volleyball and basketball. No longer will athletic teams in these two sports be able to qualify for the state tournament by losing the district final game. This year the NSAA has assigned schools to 12 sub-districts, the winners of the sub-districts will then automatically qualify for a district final game. The NSAA will use the wildcard point system and take the next top four schools who lost in sub-district play along with the 12 sub-district winners to get to 16 total teams. The NSAA will then seed the 16 schools using the point system with the 8 winners qualifying for the state tournament. This change will hopefully get the top 8 schools to Lincoln and have a more competitive state tournament. The district final game similar to previous years will be played at a location mutually agreed to by both schools on Saturday, November 3.



Unfortunately, as we transition from the fall season to winter, I want to remind you that we will again be utilizing the Connect 5 communication system for weather related postponements and cancelations. I know many of you rely on this communication (text message, email, phone call), but please do not solely rely on the Connect 5 communication system. Please know that we also share school announcements on local radio and television stations. At the beginning of the school year, a Connect 5 form was included in your packet to update phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you haven't turned this form into the office or if you need to add or change a cell/home phone number, please contact Amanda Veik and get the new information to her. The decision to cancel school or go with a 10:00 a.m. late start is one of the most difficult decisions I have to make because our Nebraska weather can change quickly and at the most inopportune time such as when our buses are in the middle of their routes. I want you to know that I will base every school/weather related decision on the safety of our students. When this happens, you as parents must make the FINAL decision to either send them or keep them at home, this is your decision to make. If you decide to send them, make sure students understand the same thing I tell the bus drivers which is, leave early, take your time, slow down and if you're late, that is fine because I want everyone to arrive safely. In most cases, I will try to make weather related decisions by 6:15 a.m. but sometimes it is later. When conditions warrant, I will announce the night before so parents have an opportunity to make necessary arrangements. The radio stations I call are as follows; KEXL 106.7 FM, WJAG 78 AM, KZ 100 FM, KKOT 93.5 FM, KLIR 101.1 FM, KJSK 900 AM, KTTT 1510 AM, KNEN 94.7 FM and US 92 FM. The following TV stations will also carry the announcements: KOLN/KGIN TV in Lincoln and KETV Channel 7 in Omaha.

In October, Mr. King and I participated in a Nebraska School and Safety Summit in Kearney, NE to learn more about violence prevention and safety preparedness. Humphrey Public has a safety plan in place but we as a district are always re-visiting the plan to make sure all staff and students are as safe as possible. We are always wanting to improve rapport between staff and students, when students come into our building, we want them to feel safe. Building those relationships and having positive connections with students will go a long way in creating a positive school environment in keeping students safe. We need to have solid safety procedures and keep communications updated with parents so we ALL can work together to keep Humphrey Public School safe. One of the goals from the summit was to have a common language and communication system with our law enforcement agencies. To help with this goal, the state implemented a Standard Response Protocol which schools began implementing last year. Humphrey Public is in the process of updating our safety plans incorporating the Standard Response Protocol, by having all schools versed using this protocol, whenever students move from one school to another school or visit other schools, the language and response to safety drills will be the same. This will be very beneficial for students and staff because common language is very important. I want to thank our safety committee consisting of Mr. King, Mr. Bertrand, Mrs. Lovercheck, Mrs. Hanzel, Ms. Oelsigle, myself and our local law enforcement officer Tony Miller for serving on this committee. We will be meeting numerous times this winter to update our safety plan using the protocol language, we will inform and present it to the school board followed by in-service for our staff and students and communicating the information with our parents.



Finally, I want to invite our parents and community members to the upcoming Veterans Day program. This year's special event will be held at the St. Francis gymnasium on Monday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m. I hope you will be able to join us as we pay tribute and show our appreciation to our Veterans for their sacrifice and service to our country. In addition, our grades 7-12 band will be playing several selections for our Veterans and community members.

I want to end my newsletter as I always do by saying should you ever have any questions, please call, or stop by in person and get the answers. This will help curb any misinformation and help eliminate rumors and your concerns. Clear and open communication between the community and the school are vital areas in the success of a school.

Have a great November and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Mr. Sjuts



# November Newsletter



## From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to November! I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. On Thursday, November 15, we will have The Honor's Breakfast for our students who qualify according to their 1st quarter grades or who received Merit Honor Roll . You will be notified if your student(s) made the honor roll when we send out the first quarter report cards. Breakfast will start at 7:00 a.m. and we will get started with honor roll recognition at 7:20 a.m. We hope you are able to attend!

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Monday, October 3, 2018. Elementary attendance was 95%. JH/HS attendance was 80%. With the first quarter completed, I want to encourage parents to continue checking their student's grades through Powerschool. If you do not have a Powerschool login, please contact Mitzi Luedtke and she would be more than happy to assist you. If you ever have any questions regarding your student's grades, please contact their teachers for clarification. When checking your student's grades, make sure to click on each class to give a more detailed list of assignments, quizzes, and test grades. This will help give you a better understanding of their overall grade for each class.

On October 10, we hosted the RESPECT program from Omaha. We had three presentations for different grade levels. Students in grades 4-6 attended a presentation called, "Teaming Up." In this program, actors interacted with students throughout the play to educate them how to identify bullying behaviors and healthy strategies they can use if they are being bullied, or if they see bullying at their school.

Students in grades 7-9 attended a presentation called, "Choices." In this program, actors interacted with students throughout the play to educate them how to identify situations in which

they may feel peer pressure and healthy strategies they can use if they are pressured or feel pressured to engage in unhealthy behaviors. Students in grades 10-12 attended a presentation called, "Reporting." In this program, actors interacted with students throughout the play to

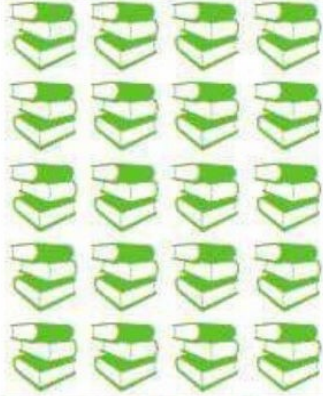




educate them how to identify bullying behaviors and healthy strategies they can use if they are being bullied, or if they see bullying at school. Students learned how small actions can have big results, both positive and negative. We also hosted a parent program that evening. I hope that you were able to talk with your student about this program and what they learned from it.

The graphic below was found while I was scrolling through Twitter. I have found that Twitter has been a great resource for me as an administrator as I follow other educators and administrators from across Nebraska. An administrator shared this and I found it be very interesting. I know that lives outside of school can be packed full of other activities and plans, however, fitting some time in to read can pay dividends in the long run for our students and their success.

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 November.+

*Mr. King*

<b>WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?</b>		
<b>Student A Reads</b>	<b>Student B Reads</b>	<b>Student C Reads</b>
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.
If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6 <sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.		
<b>WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.</b>		

(Nagy and Ehrman, 1987.)



Greetings from the School Counselor,

Harvest is off and running and so are our students. Continue to check with teachers about the homework and projects you need to complete if you are out of the building. I, too, am frequently out of the building. If you need my assistance and I am absent, please, feel free to email me, leave me notes, or communicate to me in any way that you can what it is that I can assist you all with. As always, please contact me if there is anything at all that I can do to help you.

Elementary in review: The past month in elementary guidance has focused on anti-bullying, recognizing bullying, ways to intervene, and taking care of ourselves so we are the best versions of ourselves. The RESPECT program presented to the upper elementary where it appeared the students thoroughly enjoyed the topics discussed. Students were able to practice situations where they may need to stand up for their peers. The lower elementary really focused on choosing the best words in certain situations so that we don't hurt others' feelings. This has transitioned into taking care of our overall bodies, specifically our organs because they are so important.

We have had limited instances of bullying currently this school year. We are hopeful that is because it is not happening and not because we do not know about it. Therefore, we ask if it is occurring to please communicate with us. We cannot help if we do not know. We ask that at home you are speaking about the importance of bully free schools. I encourage students to stand up to those who are bullying, support those who have been bullied, and do their best to never become a bully. If you are aware of bullying instances, please, talk to someone. We want our learning environment to be safe and effective for all of our students.

As we move into November, we will be working with positive classroom behavior, being a good friend, giving compliments, and being thankful. This leads into our Holiday Season and I want to wish all our Bulldog families a truly blessed one.

**No act of kindness,**  
no matter how small,  
**is ever wasted.**  
- Aesop

Junior High:

1. Now is the time to remember that our GPA matters a great deal in our future. Continue to work hard for your grades, ask help if you do not understand, and stay caught up on all of your work despite all other activities.
2. I also encourage you to begin joining the different clubs and organizations that Humphrey Public Schools offers for instance FCCLA/FFA, athletic teams, speech and play production, and attending school events to show and build your school spirit.
3. It is also never too early to start saving up for college or your future. This means the money for tuition, books, room and board, and especially spending money while you are at college. It also may be helpful when purchasing a vehicle or other necessity upon graduation if you choose a different path than college. Keep thinking about what you would like to do in your future career and the steps it will take to get there. Remember, I am always here to help.

#### 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

1. Continue to try your very best in your classes and completing class work. Your GPA has a direct effect on the amount of assistance you have for college, where you will be able to go to college, and even getting into college. If you work hard now, it will pay off in the future.
2. Continue to be involved within the school. It helps to build well-rounded individuals and looks wonderful on resumes too. Start saving up money for college and your future.
3. Check your school emails. I communicate through here frequently. There are some opportunities for underclassmen to attend. I will email out many of these opportunities!

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

1. As with the other classes, continue to work hard on your grades and activities you are involved in. It will pay off in the future.
2. I encourage you all to start talking about college more frequently. Talk to your parents about plans for paying for college. Then, keep that in mind as you research colleges. Now is the perfect time to visit colleges and find the best fit for you. You are allowed to go on college visits with parent permission. If you need help setting that up, please, let me know.
3. Another good idea is job shadowing. This helps you to figure out if a career is a good fit for you or not.
4. I also encourage you to meet with the college representatives that visit school. If you are for sure the college is not a fit, please stay in class. However, if it is a college you have thought about, please visit with them. It is a quick and efficient way to see if a college may be right for you.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade students:

1. I have created On to College (John Baylor) ACT Test Prep accounts for you as well as ACT Online prep through the act web page. John Baylor can be accessed at [www.ontocollege.com](http://www.ontocollege.com) and online prep can be accessed at [www.onlineprep.act.org](http://www.onlineprep.act.org). Both of these are free for you to use to study for the ACT. Your username is your school email and your password is your first name capitalized plus the year you graduate. For instance: [johnbaylor@humphrey.esu7.org](mailto:johnbaylor@humphrey.esu7.org) is the username and John2018 would be the password. Please, come see me if you have issues with either account.
2. On to College Prep, which uses John Baylor, will be implemented during the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Careers course in the second semester. This is to help with the State ACT Test all juniors will complete. With the correct use of these resources, ACT scores typically show a growth of 2-3 points. If you would like to register for an act visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register. If you qualify for free/reduced priced lunches, please see me for a test fee waiver.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

1. Continue working on maintaining high grades. Research has shown one of the biggest indicators for a successful college student is a student who has continued to maintain a high GPA while in high school. The high GPA can help to offset ACT scores that might not be as high as we would like. \
2. On the note of ACT scores, the last test date typically accepted by colleges is the December 8<sup>th</sup> date. Register by November 2<sup>nd</sup> without an added fee or by November 19<sup>th</sup> with the additional fee at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). UNL will accept the February test date as well, but I encourage you all to complete your last attempt during December.
3. Continue to visit colleges. Find the right fit for you. Consider the location, cost, and degree options. If you would like help researching the college, please, see me and we can do that.
4. Complete the FAFSA. By completing the FAFSA early, it allows for more scholarships and schools to have that information earlier which speeds up the process for deciding which college will be the right fit for you. I am available to help with this process, but pieces of it require your parents.

As always, if there is anything that I can do to help in any of these processes, please, let me know. You may contact me in person, through phone, email, notes, etc. Whichever works for you, I will make it work for me.

It is a great day to be a Bulldog!

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“Urging an organization to be inclusive is not an attack. It’s progress.”  
– DaShanne Stokes

We have one quarter done and it does not seem possible. The school year is in full swing. It also means the holidays are just around the corner. I hope you get some time with your family, some relaxation, and a chance to enjoy life. For whatever reason, time does not want to slow down.

This is the time of the year you should find yourself in a routine. Your children should be familiar with their teachers, friends, and daily life. Remember if you find some of these things are still a struggle, the school has resources to help. Never hesitate to contact and get help when your child is needing help academically or socially.

If your child is on IEP and a Junior they will be required to take the ACT. This test has taken the place of our Nebraska state test. Also, remember to talk to your teachers about transition and be thinking about next year. This does not matter if your child is a kindergartener, middle schooler, or high schooler. It is an important conversation and can often ease many concerns you or the teacher may have.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

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# JUNIOR HIGH ENGLISH AND LIBRARY NEWS

MRS. KIM BENDER

## English 7

Second period begins with English 7 and twenty-four eager learners! This year will be filled with the reading of several novels, the learning, defining and applying of literary devices as well as a study of grammar. Students also have weekly tasks, which include three new vocabulary words, using these words in a sentence, writing answers in complete sentences, inferences, mini-lessons and 25 ixl problems. Even though this makes for a busy forty-seven minutes, the students rise to the challenge each day and the period seems to go quickly. We are just finished reading the novel; *The Watsons Go To Birmingham, 1963* and applying literary devices to the reading. This historical fiction will also teach us about the 1960s and the Civil Rights Movement.

## English 8

The eighth grade English students now meet third period! What a great group of English scholars! This year we continue with weekly vocabulary with sentences due every Wednesday and a quiz every Friday as well as learning daily doses of inferences, mini-lessons, and corrections. We are currently working on our short story unit learning and applying literary terms and devices. We are exploring the big ideas and themes of these stories as well as making inferences and supporting all of our work with evidence from the text. Students also continue to read in their chosen novels to earn 30 AR points per semester. Next we will be doing some in depth grammar and writing as well!



## BOOK FAIR

This year's book fair was once again held in conjunction with the fall parent teacher conferences. The fair was once again a tabletop fair as opposed to bringing in the metal bookcases. The fair was a success and the library earned over \$400 to help get books into the hands of each and every one of our elementary students. We truly appreciate everyone who shops the fair! The proceeds help to purchase books for the library and also the Christmas books for all students.

Thank you, also, for memorials and other donations made to our library! Your support, generosity and kindness are appreciated!



# November



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THURS

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<p>Menus subject to change. Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, fruit, toast, warm oatmeal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch. <i>Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.</i> USDA is an equal opportunity provider &amp; employer.</p>		1	<p>Pancake on a Stick ----- Pork Patty on a Bun Broccoli Applesauce</p>	2	<p>Long John ----- Fiestada Corn Lettuce Pineapple</p>
5	<p>French Toast Sticks ----- Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Pears Dinner Bun</p>	6	<p>Breakfast Pizza ----- Hot Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich Baked Beans Chips Apple</p>	7	<p>Pancake ----- Chicken Alfredo over Noodles Cooked Carrots Applesauce</p>
8	<p>Scrambled Eggs &amp; Toast ----- Taco in a Bag Corn Peaches</p>	9	<p>Biscuit &amp; Gravy ----- Chicken Patty on a Bun Green Beans Bananas</p>	12	<p>Funnel Cake ----- Goulash Broccoli Pineapple Dinner Bun</p>
13	<p>Breakfast Burrito ----- Shredded Pork on a Bun Green Beans Pears</p>	14	<p>Donut ----- Mini Corn Dogs Corn or Peas Orange Smile Dinner Bun</p>	15	<p>Honors Breakfast ----- Turkey Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy Corn Dinner Bun</p>
16	<p>Pancake on a Stick ----- Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Mandarin Oranges</p>	19	<p>Mini Donut ----- Pizza Corn Lettuce Peaches</p>	20	<p>French Toast Toranado ----- Flying Saucer Green Beans Applesauce</p>
21	<p>Pancake ----- Sloppy Jo on a Bun Baked Beans Chips Oranges</p>	22	<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>		
23	<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>		26	<p>Yogurt Cup ----- Spaghetti Garlic Stick Corn Pears</p>	
27	<p>French Toast Sticks ----- Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Peaches</p>	28	<p>Scrambled Eggs &amp; Toast ----- Soft Shell Taco Corn Applesauce</p>	29	<p>Breakfast Burrito ----- Chinese Peas &amp; Carrots Pineapple Fortune Cookies</p>
30	<p>Long John ----- Meatball Sub Corn Mixed Fruit</p>				



# Humphrey Public School

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information.</b></p> <p><b>Thank You!</b></p>				<p><b>1</b> Senior Fundraiser In</p>	<p><b>2</b> JH Dance 7-12pm FFA Bowl-A-Rama 6-8:30pm @ Scotty's Lanes</p>	<p><b>3</b> HS Quiz Bowl @ Central City VB District Finals</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> EHC Honor Choir 6:00pm One Act Practice</p>	<p><b>6</b>  FCCLA Officer Mtg Booster Club Meeting 7pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> BOOKMOBILE FCCLA Member Mtg</p>	<p><b>8</b>      <b>9</b>      <b>10</b> STATE VOLLEYBALL</p>		
<p><b>11</b>  Veterans Day</p>	<p><b>12</b> Veteran's Day Program at St. Francis @ 9:30am JH GBB @ Battle Creek 6:00pm One Act Practice School Board Mtg 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> Conference One Act @ Leigh</p>	<p><b>14</b> Students Dismissed At 1:00PM (No Preschool) Teachers In-Service Banking at School JH Quiz Bowl @ Seward</p>	<p><b>15</b> Honor's Breakfast</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> JH GBB @ HHS Toumey</p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> One Act Dinner Theater FCCLA Recognition @ Lincoln</p>	<p><b>20</b> FFA Leadership Night</p>	<p><b>21</b> Students/Staff At 1:00PM for Thanksgiving (No Preschool) Red Cross Blood Drive</p>	<p><b>22</b>  Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p><b>23</b> NO SCHOOL</p>	<p><b>24</b> BB Jamboree @ Boone Central G-1:00pm &amp; B-2:45pm</p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> JH GBB @ Twin River 6:00pm One Act Practice</p>	<p><b>27</b> JH GBB vs EPPJ @ LHF One Act Districts @ St. Francis</p>	<p><b>28</b> Banking at School</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> G/B BB vs Clarkson Leigh @ HHS</p>	