



HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Home of the Bulldogs

From the Superintendent's desk:

I would like to welcome everyone back for the start of the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year. I hope you were able to enjoy your holiday festivities with family and friends. I know the weather kind of put a damper on travel plans for many.

After the board of education meeting on December 11, 2023 a survey was sent out through the school messaging system as well as on the district's social media pages and website requesting feedback on the failed bond initiative. District patrons also could stop by Bank of the Valley, Pinnacle Bank, Humphrey Democrat and Bank of Lindsay to fill out a paper copy and drop it in a drop box at those locations. If you attended an HLHF home basketball game in December, there were paper copies and a drop box available for surveys as well. The survey was also advertised in the Humphrey Democrat for two weeks. We greatly appreciate the feedback that was provided for the board of education to review and consider in moving forward. The feedback collected was generally positive and understands there is a need for additional space in our building to enhance the educational opportunities for our students now and well into the future. The data from this survey will be shared with district patrons in the near future.

The Nebraska Department of Education has released the Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) classifications. It is with great excitement that I share that Humphrey Public School District was classified as GREAT! There are four areas for classification, which are NEEDS SUPPORT FOR IMPROVEMENT, GOOD, GREAT, EXCELLENT. In 2022, our district was classified as GOOD. We continue to use district data to drive educational decisions regarding professional development for staff and curriculum development/alignment to help prepare our students for district and state assessments. We have shown continued improvement and are determined to continue our upward growth trend. The growth we are seeing academically is a true testament to our fantastic staff and the hard work our students put in to achieve this success!

The January activities calendar is quite busy. Check it out and we hope that you are able to come out and support our teams. Our Speech season will be getting underway in January. There will be multiple opportunities to support them as they have a lot of area meets. We will be hosting our Humphrey Speech meet on Saturday, February 10.

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 January & GO BULLDOGS!!!

Mr. King



THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

January 2024

- I will send out a D/F warning to every parent who has a student that has a D/F in a class on Friday's. This will come via Connect5 message. On Mondays I will run the list again and parents will be notified via USPS mail that their student is on that week's list. As a reminder, students are ineligible for extra-curricular activities if they have two Fs. Students are able to become eligible if that student can bring up their grade.
- If you are in need of assistance for PowerSchool please get a hold of Mrs. Luedtke at mitziluedtke@humphrey.esu7.org to set up your account. PowerSchool does have a mobile app and notifications can be set on your phone whenever grades are put in.
- January is full of activities, please speak with your student about utilizing time and keeping up on their grades as to prevent any issues coming up. If you find that your child needs additional help, contact their teachers. Or (and a big OR) we can set up some time for your child to get caught-up on a Saturday morning (email Mr. Kirby).
- Please take the time to speak with your student about cell phones. In the 1st semester I had to take phones away from students about 15 times. Also, other disciplinary issues more than not occurred with cell phones. I understand cell phones are a part of our lives these days. However, in my professional opinion, I have seen more problems with cell phones in the classroom than positives.
- Jr Parents – Speak with your students about our Diversified Occupations program for next school year. This program allows students to leave school early and gain valuable job site experience, training, and make money for college.
- Last, please speak with students who drive to school about driving carefully as the roads are unpredictable with winter.

Mr. Kirby



January

Elementary News

From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:

Welcome to 2024! We are looking forward to seeing the students come back from holiday break! I hope that you all were able to spend ample time with family and friends during the holiday season. I was thankful to be able to spend time with my family and see extended family during our time off.

In December, Humphrey Public students were able to perform their musical talents. The elementary students performed their music program on Thursday, December 7th. The students were outstanding and I would like to thank Mrs. Whited and Mr. Bertrand for their work in preparing our students for great performances.

As we have entered the season of sickness, I would like to remind our parents that if you take your child to the doctor, please make sure that you get a note from the doctor excusing them from school. This note needs to be turned into the office so it can be placed in our files. This is very important to have on file as we have documentation verifying your student's absence when we submit our attendance reports to the state department of education.

A reminder that on Monday, February 5th, 2024 is Parent-Teacher conferences and there will be no school this day as the staff will have an in-service in the morning before conferences begin. Sign-up sheets will be going home in January. We encourage you to attend and chat with your students' teachers regarding their progress. Conferences will again run from 1:30pm until 8:00pm. If you are unable to make it during the scheduled time, please contact your student's teacher or the school office to schedule a time to meet.

Another reminder for elementary students and parents that there is NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 9th for grades K-6.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We will continue to keep moving forward and striving to be our Bulldog BEST every day! Have a GREAT January!

Educationally Yours,

Mr. Rathje



Greetings from the Counselor

Happy New Year! Here's to writing 2023 for the next month or two. ☺ While I'm certain there were challenges in 2023, I hope all are able to reflect on the year and find good within it. Even more, I hope it was a wonderful year, but 2024 is an even better one. The first semester has flown by, and it has been so fun to be a part of some great accomplishments. I look forward to this upcoming semester, and the opportunity to work with some of the best students, families, and faculty around. Every day is a great day to be a Bulldog!

Elementary Guidance: The past month we have worked with spreading cheer during the winter season, remembering our manners, and understanding how our words can hurt people, but also help them. The fifth and sixth graders have both begun to work with colleges. Research shows, the earlier we expose our students to colleges and the idea of going, the more likely they are to attend. I make sure to mention that college may not be the path for everyone, but our Humphrey Public research shows that 94% or more of our students attend college at some point in their lives. Therefore, by instructing with a focus on college, it is not that I want to discredit the work force as we also discuss that; it is simply to share information a large majority of our students will need to know for their future. If you or your child ever has any questions about their future, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or have them do so. In the upcoming months, we will continue to discuss future career options and college opportunities. We will also continue working on the characteristics it takes to be a good person.

7th-9th Grades:

1. Keep working hard. This is a new semester and a chance to get or keep your grades where you would like them. Decide now, where you want to be in your upper high school years. Good grades, attendance, and school participation lead to more scholarships and more opportunities. The sky is the limit for all of you. Don't settle for anything less. Remember to be involved, cheer your classmates and schoolmates on, and to stay caught up.
2. A good idea for the future is to start writing down any activities you are involved in, any awards you may have received, and any volunteering you have done. Keep this in a Google Doc or similar location so that you will have the information when it comes time to create a resume.
3. Also, remember to start thinking about your future and different careers you might find interesting.

10th-11th Grades:

1. As with the 7-9 grades, you have an opportunity at a new semester to perform how you want. Don't waste this opportunity. With a new beginning, you can achieve whatever you put your minds to.
2. As you all continue to think about future careers, I highly encourage you to consider going on Job Shadows. The best way to determine if a career is for you is to get out and see what goes on in that career.
3. I also encourage you all to consider different colleges and for the 11th graders, start taking college visits. That is also the best way to see if a college is the perfect fit for you. Again, many of these are also virtual. It can't quite replace actually being there, but the virtual visits typically provide good information and a good overview of the college and campus.
4. Continue to save money for college along with keeping track of all activities you've been in and awards you have received. Compiling all of this information into a resume would be a great idea and save you stress in the future.
5. Be thinking about people who would be able and willing to write you letters of recommendation. It is a good idea to have these individuals in mind before your senior year so that you are prepared for scholarships and applications.
6. As always, it is good to look at applying for the ACT. That can be done at www.act.org

12th Grade:

1. You are in your final semester of high school. It is bittersweet, but remember to finish strong. Even if you are accepted and have received financial aid to college, it is still important to finish this final semester to the best of your ability.
2. I suggest that you all speak with a staff member and have at least one letter of recommendation completed along with a community member with a second letter. This will aid you in applying for scholarships and possibly admission.
3. The FAFSA is still making changes. There are times where it is available, but there are times when it is not. I encourage you to check on the webpage, but if it is not working at that time to check back in a day or two.
4. Many of the big scholarship deadlines, such as Susan Buffet, are right around the corner. I encourage you to fill out as many scholarships as possible. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please stop in and see me. The financial portion of this is being extended due to the FAFSA.
5. Also, try to begin narrowing your search on a college. In order to have the best opportunities at colleges for housing and scholarships, it is best to be decided by February. If you are not certain, there is still time, but do your best to narrow it down. If you have not been on the campus of the school you are interested in, I would suggest setting up a college visit so you can be sure it is the best college for you. As always, if you have any questions, please see me.

I am excited for the second half of this school year. I am here to help with any concerns anyone might have.

Cami Oelsigle

pK-12 School Counselor

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Preparing for Winter Weather

Top 5 Tips To Get Your Car Ready for Cold Weather!



Juice Up Your Battery

Make sure your battery has enough power to get you through your trip



Wash Your Car

Maintain your car's upkeep to prevent rust



Maintain Your Tires

Ensure your tires have enough traction for the winter roads



Pack an Emergency Kit

Prepare for anything with an emergency kit



Check Your Fluids

Help your car perform its best with a fluid change or refill

Stay safe this winter!

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January 2024 Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 	2 No School for Students *Teacher In-Service *Varsity Bowling at Plaiview *HS G/B BB vs Stanton @ HHS	3 No School for Students *Teacher In-Service	4 School Resumes 3rd Qtr Begins *Bowling @ Pender	5	6 *Speech @ Twin River *Jh B BB @ Cross County
7	8 *JH B BB vs Twin River @ LHF *School Board Meeting	9 *HS G/B BB vs Wisner-Pliger @ HHS *Bowling @ Humphrey	10 *Banking in School *FFA Meeting 	11 *Bowling @ Humphrey *HS G/B BB @ Neligh	12 *HS G/B BB vs Summerland @ HHS	13 *Speech @ Pierce *Bowling @ Norfolk *JH B BB @ Clarkston
14	15 *JH B BB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS	16 *Bowling @ Dodge 	17 *Speech @ Howells-Dodge	18 *Bowling @ Humphrey *HS G/B BB vs Madison @ HHS (Parents Night)	19 *State FFA Alumni Convention *HS G/B BB @ Bancroft	20 *State FFA Alumni Convention *Speech @ Boone Central *JH B BB @ Fullerton
21	22 *National Honor Society Induction	23 *JH B BB @ Riverside *HS G/B BB vs Oakland-Craig @ HHS	24 *Banking in School *FCCLA STAR @ Madison	25 *FFA District Career Day @ CCC *HS G/B BB @ EPPJ	26 *HS G BB EHC First Round	27 *Speech Team Bonding *JH B BB @ Cedar Rapids *HS B BB EHC First Round
28	29 *Bowling Districts @ TBD *JH B BB @ Norfolk *HS G BB EHC Second Round	30 *Bowling Districts @ TBD *HS B BB EHC Second Round	31 *Bowling District @ TBD *FFA State Degree Conflict Night	Watch the website for the most up to date information at www.humphreybulldogs.org Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information.		

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2024

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1 <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 24px;">No School</p>	2 <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 24px;">No School</p>	3 <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 24px;">No School</p>	4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Beef 'n Bean Burrito/Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	5 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
8 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Baked Chicken Breast Mashed Potatoes Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	9 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	10 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ McRib on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	11 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Strips Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	12 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger Sliders Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
15 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pork Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chinese over Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	17 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Flying Saucer Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	18 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	19 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
22 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Popcorn Chicken Bowl Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	23 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Cheesy Pull Aparts Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	24 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	25 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	26 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sloppy Jo on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
29 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Fajita over Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	30 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sub Sandwich Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	31 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Beef Tips in Gravy Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	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 offered daily for lunch. Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am. USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer	