

SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER



STAFF
SHOUT OUT

A big thank you goes out to our ROCK STAR teachers. Their dedicaion to our students and efforts to help grow our students is incredible and is a reflection of our AQuESTT ratings! You are EXCELLENT!

I would like to welcome everyone back for the start of the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year. I hope you were able to enjoy your holiday festivities with family and friends. I always enjoy this extra time to spend with family. With busy schedules, it can be difficult to get together through the year.

The Nebraska Department of Education had released the Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow (AQuESTT) classifications in late November. It is with great excitement that I share that the Humphrey Public School District was classified as EXCELLENT! There are four areas for classification, which are **Needs Support for Improvement, Good, Great, Excellent**. In 2022, our district was classified as GOOD. In 2023, our district was classified as GREAT. 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!



Go Bulldogs

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 15.

The district is in the process of hiring a 4th special education teacher for our building due to student and program needs. With the addition of another staff member, we are pursuing portable classrooms to create more space for our students and staff. This isn't the most ideal situation, however, we hope this is a temporary solution until a school bond can be passed. I have approached the Humphrey City Council requesting they consider closing the north half of the street in front of the school to place the portable classrooms with close proximity to the building without having to take away playground space and equipment. A decision has not been made regarding the portable classrooms. The board is collecting information regarding prices. There is an understanding that we need to do something to address our spacing issues.

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



School Resumes

Just a reminder that school resumes with students on Tuesday, January 7, 2024 to start the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year!



THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

January 2025

Happy New Year!! Hopefully all of you had a great time with family and friends for the holidays. As we begin the new semester there were a few things I wanted to go over

- 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).
- Jr High Parents – there was a list of issues with jr high student's behavior during the 1st semester. I have spoken to the jr high students about the lack of maturity, grades, and simply getting along with peers. Please speak with your students about these issues so they do not become major issues during the 2nd semester.
- 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. Mr. Hesse will be working with students on preparation as the end of the school year approaches.
- Last, please speak with students who drive to school about driving carefully as the roads are unpredictable with winter weather.

Thank you
Mr. Kirby



January

Elementary News

From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:

Welcome to 2025! 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 12th. 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 10th, 2025 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 14th.

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 everyday! Have a GREAT January!

Educationally Yours,

Mr. Rathje



Greetings from the Counselor

Happy New Year! Here's to writing 2024 for the next month or two. ☺ While I'm certain there were challenges in 2024, 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 that 2025 is an even better one. The first semester has flown, 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 have 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 on your classmates and schoolmates, and stay caught up with your school work.
2. Write 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.

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 start taking college visits. That is also the best way to see if a college is the perfect fit for you. 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. Complete the FAFSA
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.
5. Make your final college choices. 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 Oelsligle
pK-12 School Counselor
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Things are busy in the sixth grade room this year. We have 21 students in our class and have been working hard on many different things.

In reading class, we have been working on genres, main ideas, context clues, figurative language, Greek and Latin roots, and there are always new vocabulary words with each story we read. Our phonics class goes over syllables, digraphs, consonant clusters, and the different meanings of various prefixes and suffixes.

English brings work on the basics of grammar: sentence structure, nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, etc. We also spend time writing different types of essays.

In Math we have been covering adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals, fractions, and integers along with area and perimeter of various shapes in geometry. Second semester gets a lot more into ratios, percentage, equations, and calculating volume.

Note taking is a big part of Social Studies for us. It helps us group together the most important parts of the sections we read in our textbooks. Ancient civilizations are our focus. We cover everything from cavemen, to Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and India first semester. This spring we will work our way through China, Rome, Arabia, and Africa along with our Family Tree project.

In Science class we are covering different material this year. First semester we have studied states of matter, thermal energy, and the water cycle. Second semester we will look at weather, climate, and the environment.

With all these things to keep us busy-homework, quizzes, and tests-we should never get bored!

Mr. Niemann

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2025

MON		TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<p>Menus subject to change.</p> <p>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 &</p>			1	2	3
			No School	No School	No School
6		7	8	9	10
No School		Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos & Trimmings Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Popcorn Chicken Bowl Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ BBQ Pork on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
13		14	15	16	17
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soup/Chili Cinnamon Roll Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar		Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Flying Saucer Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti with Sauce Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
20		21	22	23	24
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Burrito or Hot Dog on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar		Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Alfredo Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Cheesy Pull ~A~Parts Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
27		28	29	30	31
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Taco in a Bag Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun		Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Breakfast for Lunch Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chinese over Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pork Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sloppy Joe on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar

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January 2025 Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>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.</p>			1 	2 No School for Students	3 No School for Students	4
5	6 No School for Students	7 School Resumes 3rd Qtr Begins *Bowling Dual @ Humphrey *HS G/B BB @ Stanton	8	9 *HS G/B BB @ Scotus *Bowlong Dual @ Pender	10 *HS G/B BB vs L.C.C @ HHS	11 *Speech @ Twin River *C Teams G/B BB @ Scotus *JH B BB vs Cross County @ HHS
12	13 *JH B BB @ Monroe *C Team G/B BB @ LHNE *School Board Meeting	14 HS G/B BB @ Wisner *Bowling @ Hartington	15 *FFA Meeting *Banking in School 	16 *Bowling vs Lakeview @ Humphrey *Kids Code Camp (Grades 5 & 6) *HS G/B BB vs Neligh-Oakdale @ HHS	17 *FCCLA District STAR @ Schuyler *HS G/B BB @ Summerland	18 *Speech @ Pierce *Bowling Tournament @ Norfolk *JH B BB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ HHS
19	20 *JH B BB @ Dodge *NHS Induction Night	21 *Bowling Dual @ Humphrey 	22	23 *Bowling Dual @ Humphrey *HS G/B BB @ Madison	24 *HS G/B Bancroft-Rosalie @ HHS	25 *Speech @ Boone Central *Robotics @ St. Paul *JH B BB vs Fullerton @ HHS
26	27 *JH B BB @ Palmer *C Teams G/B BB @ L.C.C	28 *JH B BB @ Riverside *HS G/B BB @ Oakland-Craig	29 *Banking in School *Speech @ Howells-Dodge	30 *FFA Career Development *HS G/B BB vs EPPJ @ HHS	31 *HS G BB EHC @ TBD	