



## **January 2022 Newsletter**

From the Superintendent's desk:

I want to welcome everyone back for the start of the second semester. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and happy New Year that included some quality time with your family and friends. As a reminder, our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester/3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of school will begin on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

My focus for the January newsletter is to communicate with our parents, students and community members on the latest news at Humphrey Public School. If you haven't already heard, at the November 8 school board meeting, I submitted my letter of resignation as Superintendent of Schools effective at the end of the school year which for Superintendents is June 30, 2022. I am completing my 35<sup>th</sup> year in education and have been very blessed over this time to have worked with great school board members, teachers, support staff, parents and students. My 19 years as Superintendent at Humphrey Public School have been absolutely awesome and I want to thank everyone for all their support and kindness over the years.

After the school board approved the resignation, the board discussed next steps for replacing me. Fortunately, we had an internal candidate who was interested, knowledgeable and qualified to take over this position. The school board after receiving his application, interviewed Mr. Brice King and at the December 13, 2021 school board meeting, the board approved the Superintendent contract for Mr. King for the 2022-2023 school year and he will officially take over as Superintendent of Schools on July 1, 2022. I want to congratulate Mr. King and I know that he will do an outstanding job leading the school district.

Also at the November 8 school board meeting, the school board approved the resignation from Ron Krings, Head Maintenance Director for our school district. Ron has done an outstanding job maintaining our district's facilities over many years and his knowledge of our buildings will be missed. The school board has not advertised Ron's position yet because they are deciding how to best proceed because the current contract with Service Master ends on June 30. Service Master cleans and disinfects our school and they are having difficulty staffing people in Humphrey. The school board will be discussing the various options at the January 10, 2022 meeting. Some of the options include contracting with an outside entity for both the custodial and maintenance of the facilities, hiring a head maintenance person to do what Ron is currently doing and/or hiring two people for custodial services similar to what Service Master is currently doing for the district. I will continue to keep you posted on the direction the school board will take.

The final position that will have to be filled is the elementary principal position that Mr. King is leaving. I advertised on the Teach In Nebraska website for the PK-6 Principal position. I plan to take applications thru January 10, 2022 and put a committee together to help interview candidates followed by recommending a candidate to the school board for their approval at the February 14 school board meeting.

As we begin the second semester, I encourage you to keep a copy of the January calendar close or downloaded on your phone because there are very few nights when there is not a school activity taking place. Our Speech team has their first meet at Genoa on Saturday, Jan. 8. I want to wish Mrs. Hogancamp, Mrs. Lovercheck and all the Speech student's good luck this season. The girls and boys basketball and bowling teams and coaches are having very successful seasons and I wish them well as they approach their conference tournaments and district competitions.

As always, I want to end my newsletter as I normally do by saying should you ever have any questions, please call and get the answers. Clear and open communication between the community and the school are vital areas in the success of our school.

Mr. Sjuts



# January 2022

I hope everyone had a great break and had the time to regroup and get ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. The holiday break is always a great time for students and teachers to re-evaluate how they did in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. The break also gives students and teachers the opportunity to start fresh and finish the school year on a high note.

I want to take this opportunity to remind parents and students of a few items that tend to get pushed aside as the

- 1<sup>st</sup> semester goes on. 1<sup>st</sup>, please keep in mind that cell phones are to be left in the student's locker during the school day. I ask that parents talk to their kids about this, simply because in my years as an educator, most of the problems I have seen have started or are because of a cell phone. I understand that there are situations that may warrant the use of a phone during the school day, I ask that this be communicated with the office. If parents need to get a hold of their child, parents can call the office and leave a message or email their child (all 7-12 students have been given a computer with an email address).
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, please make sure that students are in the building at the start of the school day which is 8:00 am. I do want to remind all that 6 tardies within a semester will result in a Saturday school. I believe this is an important lesson to learn (punctuality) as most adults in the workforce do not get 6 tardies.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 1<sup>st</sup> semester is done and everyone gets to start a clean slate as it pertains to grades. Students, please keep track of your grades within Powerschool. Parents, if you need access to Powerschool please contact the office and we can get you set up. Powerschool does have a mobile app if you would like to install on your phone.
- 4<sup>th</sup>, mental health is of most importance. Please keep an eye on each other and help each other out. Find healthy ways to take care of yourself and always remember that my door and Ms. O's door is always open.
- Last, remember that for the rest of the school year ALL breakfast and lunch are free to all students. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. If you decide to bring a home lunch, this is fine. However, under federal law students are not allowed to have food that is wrapped in commercial packaging (i.e. McDonald's, Subway, and Canes).

January is a month that is full of a bunch of stuff. Basketball (youth included), Speech, and bowling will be ramped up. Look out for dates of activities and other important dates as the semester goes on .

Mr. Kirby

# JANUARY

## From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome to 2022! I hope that you all were able to spend ample time with family and friends during the holiday season. I enjoyed my time with my family and watching the excitement my son Eli had while playing with his cousins and opening gifts.

In December, Humphrey Public students were able to perform their musical talents. The elementary students performed their music programs on Friday, Dec. 17, while the JH/HS students were able to perform on Monday, Dec. 13. Both programs 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 7, 2022 is Parent-Teacher conferences. There will be no school on Monday, Feb. 7th as the staff will have an in-service in the morning before conferences begin. Sign up sheets will be going home during 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 students' 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 4th for grades K-6. Our elementary staff will be continuing their work on writing/updating English/Language Arts curriculum.

A final reminder for this newsletter is that the USDA FREE lunch program for all students grades PK-12 continues through the rest of the school year. Students get their first course for free, however, if they choose to go back for a second course, that second course is charged to their account. Also, if students get a second milk at lunch that is also charged to your account. Students in Preschool, Kindergarten and First grade also have an afternoon milk break. If a student takes milk during the milk break, that is charged to that student's lunch account. Please make sure lunch money is getting sent to cover their seconds. If you have any questions regarding your lunch account, please contact Michelle Wemhoff or Mr. King.

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. I want to wish all of our families a new year full of love, laughter, and fun! Until my next newsletter, enjoy January!

**MR KING**



Greetings from the Counselor

Happy New Year! 2021 sure thought it needed to keep up with 2020. I know 2021 was not quite what we expected; however, I am hopeful that everyone was able to reflect on the year and find the good within it. The first semester has flown by. While some school districts are still learning virtually, I am so proud of our Bulldog community for taking the necessary steps to learn in school. Great work to all! 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 85% or more of our students attend college at some point in their lives. Therefore, by instructing heavily on college, it is not that I want to discredit the work force; 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.

7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grades:

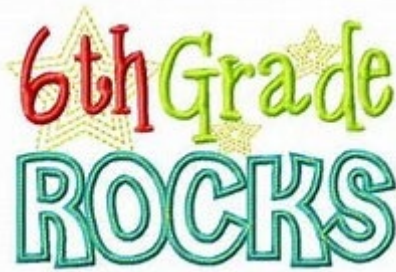
1. As with the 7-9 grades, you have an opportunity at a new semester to perform how you want. Don't waste this opportunity. With a new beginning, you can achieve whatever you put your minds to.
2. As you all continue to think about future careers, I highly encourage you to consider going on Job Shadows. The best way to determine if a career is for you is to get out and see what goes on in that career. I can help you get registered for a Job Shadow if you need assistance. COVID still affects some job shadowing opportunities, but typically there is a virtual option if in-person isn't available. So, if you're at all interested, let's get something set up!
3. I also encourage you all to consider different colleges and for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.act.org)

### 12<sup>th</sup> 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. If you do not have the FAFSA completed, this needs to be done very soon. Please, come in and see me if you need help with its completion.
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. 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.

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Things are busy in the sixth grade room this year. We have 18 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 are covering adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals, fractions, and integers. Second semester gets a lot more into ratios, percents, equations, and geometry.

Note taking is a big part of both Science and Social Studies for us. It helps us group together the most important parts of the sections we read in our textbooks. Science has us discussing elements, atoms, compounds, gravity, electricity, space, nature, and the human body. Ancient civilizations are our focus in Social Studies. 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.

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

Mr. Niemann

# Humphrey Public School January 2022 Events

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>Watch the website for the most up to date information at <a href="http://www.humphreybulldogs.org">www.humphreybulldogs.org</a> Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information.</p>						<b>1</b> 
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>4</b> <b>School Resumes 3rd Qtr Begins</b> <small>*Bowling @ Plainview *HS G/B BB vs Stanton @ HHS</small>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <small>*Bowling @ Pender</small>	<b>7</b> <small>*Student Health Screenings</small>	<b>8</b> <small>*Speech @ Genoa *JH B BB @ Cross County *HS G/ B BB (C Team) vs Scotus @ HHS</small>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <small>*JH B BB @ Twin River *School Board Meeting 7:30pm</small>	<b>11</b> <small>*HS G/B BB vs Wisner-Pilger @ HHS</small>	<b>12</b> <small>*FFA Meeting 7:30am *Banking at School *JH Scholastic Contest</small> 	<b>13</b> <small>*HS G/B BB @ Neligh-Oakdale</small>	<b>14</b> <small>*HS G/B BB vs Summerland @ HHS</small>	<b>15</b> <small>*Speech @ Pierce *JH B BB @ Clarkson-Leigh *HS G/B BB (C Team) @ Twin River</small> 
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <small>*JH B BB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS</small>	<b>18</b> <small>*Bowling @ Dodge *HS G/B BB @ Howells-Dodge</small> 	<b>19</b> <small>*Speech @ Howells-Dodge</small>	<b>20</b> <small>*HS G/B VV vs Madison @ HHS</small>	<b>21</b> <small>*FCCLA Meeting 7:30am *HS G/B BB @ BRLD</small>	<b>22</b> <small>*Speech @ Albion *JH B BB @ Fullerton *Bowling EHC @ HHS</small>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <small>*JH B BB @ Riverside *HS G/B BB vs Oakland-Craig @ HHS</small>	<b>26</b> <small>*Banking at School *FCCLA Districts</small>	<b>27</b> <small>*District Livestock Judging @ NECC *HS G/B BB @ EPPJ</small>	<b>28</b> <small>*HS G BB East Husker Tournament Starts</small>	<b>29</b> <small>*Speech team bonding *JH B BB @ Riverside Tourney *HS B BB East Husker Tournament Starts</small>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <small>*HS G BB East Husker Conf. Tournament Cont.</small>					



# Humphrey Public School



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>3</b> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-size: 1.5em;"><b>No School</b></p>	<b>4</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Patty on a Bun Baked Beans Applesauce	<b>5</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Oranges Dinner Bun	<b>6</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pull Aparts with Marinara Corn Peaches	<b>7</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Calzone Romaine Lettuce Pears
<b>10</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti & Sauce Green Beans Pineapple Bread Stick	<b>11</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soup/Chili Cinnamon Roll Mandarin Oranges	<b>12</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken & Waffles Corn Pears	<b>13</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chinese over Rice Broccoli/Mixed Veggies Pineapple	<b>14</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sloppy Jo on a Bun Baked Beans Peaches
<b>17</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Alfredo California Blend Veggies Applesauce Bread Stick	<b>18</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos & Trimmings Lettuce Corn Mixed Fruit	<b>19</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pork Patty on a Bun Baked Beans Apples	<b>20</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soft Shell Taco Lettuce Corn Pineapple	<b>21</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Banana
<b>24</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Fiestada Romaine Lettuce Applesauce	<b>25</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Corn Pears Dinner Bun	<b>26</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Flying Saucer Mashed Potatoes Oranges Dinner Bun	<b>27</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Taco in a Bag Romaine Lettuce Pineapple	<b>28</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Shredded Pork on a Bun Broccoli Peaches
<b>31</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Mini Corn Dogs Corn Mandarin Oranges Dinner Bun	<p><b>Menus subject to change.</b></p> <p>Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast.                      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>			