



# HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Home of the Bulldogs*

From the Superintendent's desk:

I can't believe that we are already in March. As I sat down to write my letter, it felt like I had just written my February newsletter. I don't know about you, but I am loving the longer days. I want to start off by thanking all of our parents for attending parent teacher conferences at the beginning of February. It's important to have a chance to check in with your child's teacher to make sure they are making progress as the year progresses.

The Nebraska Department of Education requires each school in the state of Nebraska to conduct a School Improvement External visit every five years as part of the Rule 10 accreditation process. We will welcome an External Team to Humphrey Public Schools on March 18 & 19. They will conduct interviews with administration, staff, students, and parents to gather feedback in regards to district procedures and offerings. They will review assessment and other district data to ensure we are making progress towards our school improvement goals. They will also conduct classroom observations to see our day-to-day instructional strategies. The team is tasked with providing the district recommendations for our next five year cycle and will provide an external visit report at the end of the day on March 19th. If you are interested in hearing about their findings, you are welcome to attend the report presentation, which will be held at 3:45pm.

At the end of March and beginning of April, we will also be conducting our Nebraska Department of Education Rule 11 review, which pertains to our preschool program. There are certain requirements our district has to follow to be Rule 11 compliant for Early Childhood Education. There will be an individual from the NDE on site to conduct the review. The review consists of classroom observations, interviews with teaching staff and administration, and reviewing data/other documentation required to be on file.

As we round the corner into the last quarter of the 2023-2024 school year, please be on the look out for Spring dates to add to your calendar. The 4th quarter is full of dates for field trips, academic and athletic awards ceremonies, elementary track and field day, etc. Our Spring months become very busy for all of our students and families.

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 March & GO BULLDOGS!

*Mr. King*



# THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

March 2024

It's interesting to look back at January and February and think in one month we had feet of snow and the other month we had temperatures in the 70s. When I was a kid, I grew up in Arizona and I can't say that I can ever get used to the 4 seasons of Nebraska... in a given day. However, here comes March and there are a few things I wanted to go over.

- As the spring sports season comes along, please be aware that if your child is not participating in these activities but would like to go watch, they will need to complete an office yellow slip and parents need to call into the office a day in advance. I ask this so it gives our teachers and cooks a heads-up on who will be and who won't be in school.
- Another reminder that the D/F warning list comes out every Friday via Connect5 and the D/F list comes out every Monday via snail mail. Please note that if your child is on the list to have them speak with their teacher, utilize their study halls, and to prioritize their time.
- Jrs will take the ACT on March 26<sup>th</sup> here at the school. Please look out for a document I need parents to fill out for the test.
- Srs parents, I will be sending a document home that details the last week of school for your Sr student.
- Jr and Sr parents, please be on the lookout for a document for taking a breathalyzer for prom which is on April 6. This document will need to be signed and returned to me.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents – Please speak with your child about proper behavior at school. I have had a few issues here at school and I have expressed to the students that I will begin to contact home if it continues. The behavior in question has been rude or inappropriate comments.
- Last, please keep an eye on your students' grades between the winter and spring seasons. This historically tends to be a time where we see grades take a dip.

Thank you all

Brandon Kirby



# *March*

## ***Elementary News***

### **From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:**

Welcome to March! With the weather that we have been having, it is beginning to feel like Spring already. It is hard to believe that we will be starting the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

With 4<sup>th</sup> quarter beginning, it also means that we have our last round of assessments starting. We will again be taking the NSCAS State Assessments (Grades 3-6) and the MAP assessments (Grades 2-6) for our district. These assessments help out with ensuring that we are meeting state requirements and then also using this data to ensure our curriculum is meeting our instructional needs. It is important that your students are in school and well rested to do their best on these assessments.

We have some important events coming up for the elementary in the coming weeks. They are as follows:

- Preschool round-up on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 2:00 pm.
- Kindergarten Meet and Greet for 2024-25 future Bulldogs in Humphrey on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 2:00 pm.
- Preschool application acceptance will begin on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am.
- Kindergarten round-up for Lindsay on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm.
- Elementary Title I Family Night is Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- Elementary spring music concert is Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- Elementary Track & Field Day is Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Some classes will be having their field trips during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Your child's teacher will communicate details with you regarding this.

As always, HAPPY MARCH! It has been a GREAT school year and we will continue this through the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. In closing, we will continue to strive to be our Bulldog BEST every day! If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

*Educationally yours,*  
***Mr. Rathje***

# Spring

Greetings from the Counselor,

Happy March! During this school year, we have had many students involved in some form of student activity. I want to take a second to congratulate all of our OUTSTANDING Bulldog students. It simply amazes me how dedicated, creative, and successful our students are. No matter what activity it is, we are always represented well, and I am so proud of our students. There is a direct correlation between success in life and being involved in activities while in high school. I encourage all of our students to continue to be involved. The social skills, time management, perseverance, and hard work taught through these activities is irreplaceable. Not to mention, the pure joy many of you will have from being involved.

Elementary: The past month in elementary, we have discussed manners, encouragement, inclusion, teamwork, and pursuing our dreams.

In the future, we will continue to work on more social skills and individual emotional management. I will continue to discuss future careers with our students. Research shows the younger we talk about careers and college education, the more likely our students are to be successful within their career and college. I encourage all parents to have these conversations with students at home. With your help, all students will be able to develop future plans that are obtainable and achievable.

Junior High:

1. As always, keep working hard, and finish the year strong. Continue to be involved in all ways possible.
2. You all have wonderful resources in the high school students that would be able to answer questions you might have on certain activities. They may also provide you with helpful hints to help you succeed in school. Don't be afraid to ask questions. You are the person who will benefit the most from it.
3. Continue to research possible career paths for your future. No decisions need to be made just yet, but the more you research and look into careers, the more prepared you are to make a future decision.

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grades:

1. Similar to the junior high, finish this year strong. We are getting close and you may feel like you can coast the year out, but don't ruin all of the hard work you have put into this year.

2. If you have interest in specific colleges or career paths and would like more information, please let me know. I would love to help get into contact with the colleges and/or professionals within chosen career paths.
3. Continue to think about your future career. Also, look into the colleges that meet those needs as well as your own preferential needs. The sooner you research the colleges, the more likely you will be able to make a decision on your future college.

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

1. The statewide ACT Date is approaching. We will test on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We are currently completing the On to College curriculum, which was formally known as John Baylor Test Prep. I hope all are taking it seriously and soaking in as much information as possible. A good ACT score can have a huge effect on your future. Do what you can to prepare now so there are no regrets in the future!
2. Also, keep looking into colleges and future careers. If you need help setting up college visits or job shadows, please let me know. Both visits and shadows are very important ways in helping to determine future plans.

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

1. It is scholarship season! I have sent out any scholarship that I am aware of. Please, take the time to read through them and see if you qualify. If you do qualify, take the time to fill out the scholarship. Remember, it is free money, and when you're in college, that is extremely helpful.
2. Many scholarships require letters of recommendation. When asking for these letters, provide the writer with adequate time to complete a solid recommendation. It also may be necessary to remind them if you have once asked, but remember to ask in a polite and respectful manner.
3. Have someone proof read your scholarship application. Sometimes, the determining factor is grammar. Make sure that you are not one who is not chosen because of this.
4. Be sure to finish the year strong. Although it is rare, if your academics slip drastically due to a lack of effort, colleges have reversed acceptance. On that note of colleges, if you have narrowed down your search, log into your college's portal and make sure all necessary information has been received. There may be financial aid awards to accept/decline, housing documents to complete, or small fees to pay. If you are unsure of what to do, please come in and see me. We can talk about what all of the information means.




As always, please contact me with any concerns you might have. I will do my very best to answer the question myself, or I will do my best to find the answer. Many of you upperclassmen may be nervous and stressed. That is totally normal. Let me know if I can help ease those nerves or stress in any way.

It's a great day to be a Bulldog!

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## MARCH 2024



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information. Thank You .</p> <p>Check out the website &amp; watch for the most up to date information at:  <a href="http://www.humphreybulldogs.org">www.humphreybulldogs.org</a></p>					1 	2
<i>Girls State Basketball</i>						
3	4	5	6	7 *End of 3rd Quarter	8 	9
<i>Boys State Basketball</i>						
10  <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	11 *Start of 4th Quarter *School Board Mtg	12 *FFA Meeting	13 *Career Day @ CCC *Speech @ Bancroft	14	15	16
17  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19	20 *Banking in School	21 *State Speech	22 *Preschool Round-Up *Kindergarten Meet & Greet *Alumni Basketball	23 *Alumni Basketball *FFA Steak Feed & Silent Auction
24	25 *Golf @ Osceola *HS Track @ HHS *JH Track @ Wisner	26 *ACT for Juniors	27 *Banking in School *Scholastic Contest @ NECC	28	29 	30
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## March 2024 Lunch Menu



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p style="text-align: center;">Menus subject to change.            Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, Long John, cold cereal, 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>				<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> 
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Pork Pattie            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Philly Steak Sandwich            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Flying Saucer            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Chicken Sandwich            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> 
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Chicken Nuggets            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Nachos            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Chicken Waffles            Potato Smiles            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Fiestada            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Spaghetti + White Sause            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Chicken Parmeson            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Tater Tot Casserole            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Chicken Fried Steak            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            BBQ Pork            French Fries            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Cheesy Pull Aparts            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Pizza            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Mc Ribb            Chips            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Popcorn Chicken            Mashed Potatoes            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal            ~~~~~            Hamburger on Bun            Vegetable            Fruit/Salad Bar            Bun</p>	<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> 