



# HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Home of the Bulldogs*

From the Superintendent's desk:

I can't believe that we are in the month of May already. Time has really flown by this year. As I start my last newsletter of the 2022-2023 school year, I want to salute the Class of 2023. Graduation is just around the corner and the time is ticking for our seniors as they prepare to leave their Bulldog Family and venture out into the world. This group of seniors were 6th graders when I started in Humphrey seven years ago. Along the way we have gained students who have really rounded out this group of young adults. It has been amazing to see the accomplishments each of them have achieved in their time as a student at HPS. Each of them will cherish the memories they have made for the rest of their lives. I can't wait to see what the future holds for each of them.

With graduation in mind, I want to remind and invite all parents, alumni, and students to our graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. The seniors will walk across the stage one final time as students of Humphrey Public School to receive their diplomas. I hope the seniors enjoy their graduation day and realize the sense of pride and accomplishment each of them has achieved. I want to thank each senior for their positive attitude and tremendous leadership throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations to the class of 2023! Your Bulldog Family is proud of you!

As we bring the 2022-2023 school year to an end, I want to recognize and thank a few staff members that will be leaving HPS. Lauryn Weldon who has been with HPS for five years as a Special Education Teacher will be leaving as she has accepted a position with Columbus Public Schools. Alyssa Rood who has been with HPS for two years as our third grade teacher will be leaving as she has accepted a position with Norfolk Public Schools. Terry Wemhoff was a kitchen assistant this year. Lastly, Michelle Wemhoff, who has been with the district for over 30 years will be retiring. We thank you all for your dedication and service to Humphrey Public School. We will miss you and wish you all the best of luck in your next adventures.

An update on our facility project process. Our Community Advisory Committee held their second meeting on Monday, April 17th. I want to thank the committee members for volunteering to serve on the committee and being the sounding board for our project. The committee and those in attendance were able to look at pictures from the spaces within our current building and pictures of other projects and what our spaces could potentially look like in the new facility. The committee members recorded their thoughts/suggestions for the architect to review and make adjustments to the drawings. At the conclusion of the night, the committee favored one design over the other. The Humphrey Democrat will be displaying some pictures of the current spaces and the challenges we face in an upcoming edition. We will also be setting up times in the near future for community tours of the current facility. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00pm in the gym. The updated drawing will be reviewed as well as some financial information regarding potential cost of the project and the tax impact for district patrons.

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 April & GO BULLDOGS!!!

*Mr. King*



# THE BULLDOG

## NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

May 2023

May has snuck-up on us and I think the kids are more than ready for summer! The students have worked hard this year in the classroom and in their activities. As we get closer to the end of the year there are a few things that I wanted to go over.

- Please be aware that lunch balances need to be taken care of before students leave for the summer.
- Mrs. Hanzel and the coaches will be setting-up a lifting schedule and possibly a new lifting program for this summer. It is important that your child attend the summer weights program even if your child is not in a sport.
- Drivers ed will begin on May 22 in the HHS gym. If you have questions or concerns, please get a hold of Mr. Bender. Also, please make sure that your child brings their own lunch as school will not be providing lunches that week.
- I want to thank all of the students these last few weeks as they have worked hard in finishing-up the standardized tests they have taken. Students have taken the ACT, NSCAS, and MAPs. Also, thank you to the teachers for helping monitor and give those tests.
- Please keep an eye out as we will send out a registration night for next school year. There are a few programs we are looking into which should benefit the students.
- Graduation will be in the HHS gym on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Please, everyone have fun and be safe during this time.

Thank you.  
Mr. Kirby



# MAY

## *Elementary News*

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

WOW!!! HAPPY MAY!!! I can't believe that we are at the end of another school year! It has been a GREAT joy to meet and get to know all of the students and staff this year. It is amazing to see the growth in every child that attends Humphrey Public as they worked hard to show progress in their academics.

During the month of April and into May, students in grades 3-6 have been completing the statewide accountability assessment. NSCAS stands for Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System. Students in grades 3-6 have been taking the NSCAS English Language Arts assessment, math assessment, and science assessment. I appreciate all of the students' hard work on these assessments. NSCAS assessment results will be finalized next fall and results will be sent home to parents when they become available. I also want to thank all of the parents for making sure their students were in school while completing these assessments. It really helps having students here on testing days so they don't miss out on other classroom work when having to make them up. To finish up the assessment window for the 2022-2023 school year, the elementary will complete their final Acadience benchmark assessment.

A few events that will be coming up in the elementary are as follows:

- Elementary music concert is Monday, May 1, 2023 starting at 6:30pm.
- Elementary Awards / Track and Field Day is Tuesday, May 9, 2023.
  - 8:15am - 9:15am - Grades K-2 Awards in the gym.
  - 9:30am - 10:30am - Grades 3-6 Awards in the gym.
  - Students will eat lunch at school and then walk down to the track around 12:15pm
  - 12:30pm – Approx. 3:15pm - Track and Field Day: Please make sure your child has sunscreen and a water bottle. Please make sure they have tennis shoes. They may use their PE shoes. No flip/flops or sandals please.
- Elementary field trips:
  - 1st & 2nd Grade (Omaha Zoo) - Thursday, May 4, 2023
  - 3rd Grade (Ashfalls) - Friday, May 12, 2023
  - 5th Grade (Stuhr Museum) - Friday, May 5, 2023

Even though the school year is coming to an end, it is still important to practice the skills you have learned over the summer. Humphrey Elementary students will again be participating in the summer reading program. Students will be asked to keep a record of the books they read and the amount of pages that were in the book. A reading log will be sent home with students before the end of the year. In the fall when students return, students will turn in their reading logs. Students who submit the logs will be recognized for their accomplishment and hard work over the summer. Additional details will follow with their reading logs.

As always, HAPPY MAY! It has been a GREAT school year and we will continue this through the rest of it. 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*

# MAY

Greetings from the Counselor,

Talk about fast and furious! What a year! We made it! It is the last month of an incredible school year, and when I say incredible, I don't think that word encompasses enough. I am so proud of our school and community for the numerous accomplishments we have earned this year! Thank you to the awesome staff, students, families, and community members who continuously make my career an enjoyable one. It is always a great day to be a Bulldog!

**Elementary:** It has been a fun year working with the elementary. We have worked on various social skills including, but not limited to, manners, bullying, friendship, sharing, listening courage, careers, and teamwork. We have also spent time looking at the importance of attending college or having a plan for a successful future. It is our goal to expose our students to talk about college and careers at a younger age so that our students become more comfortable with the concept and realize that college is very much a reality for all of our students, while also understanding that is not the path for everyone. We understand a 4-year college route is not for everyone, so we tried to look at all possibilities.

Our students are awesome, and so fun to work with. The social skills we have worked to instill within our students is extremely beneficial to our overall school environment. During the upcoming summer months, we ask that parents continue to have discussions about some social skills such as sharing, being kind, using our manners, and making friends. If ever you have concerns about topics you would like covered within our school counseling program, please feel free to contact me. Our parents and community are a large part of our school, and the input helps to make sure we are helping to prepare our students in every way possible.

**Junior High:** Whether it was your first year or your last in junior high, I hope you made the most of it. Remember your grades and GPA are now being considered for things like future scholarships, class rank, and some college opportunities. Did you know, many of the habits you have at this age would carry your way through high school and college? I hope you all are developing the best habits possible. Do your very best in everything you do and you will always be happy with your effort. Take the summer to refocus, have some fun, and continue to explore future career and college options. I encourage you to continue to read, practice math facts, and take part in other educational experiences over the summer. Overall, have fun and be safe!

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade:** I hope all of you had an enjoyable school year. Continue to explore possible career and college options. Also, continue to work hard in future years so

that it will pay off come time to start college. Take time this summer to enjoy yourselves, meet new people, and help out whenever you can. Try to pick up some reading materials or math facts so that you continue to learn even more over the summer. If you are able, a summer job can also be beneficial to start saving up for college. As with the junior high, have fun and be safe!

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade:** You all will be seniors very soon. I ask that you be good leaders for our underclassmen and take over from a great senior class. Over the summer, I encourage you to job shadow, research colleges and future careers. Try to come back to school in the fall with a good idea of possible colleges and a career path. Continue to update your Activities Resume on Education Quest or the one in which we've created during Careers so that if you ever need your resume, it is already updated. I also encourage you all to keep your eyes open for scholarships. There are tons out there that could apply specifically to you and your future. Also, a summer job can help save up money so that you are able to pay for future college expenses. ACT test dates are also available to take if you would like those opportunities as well. You all still have access to your ACT Prep at [www.ontocollege.com](http://www.ontocollege.com). As with everyone else, have a wonderful and safe summer!

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade:** First off, I want to thank you for welcoming me in as your School Counselor. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all with your future plans. You all are unique individuals who will contribute greatly to our world. I hope you never forget who you are, where you came from, and never, ever settle for less than you are capable of.

Many of you may begin taking out student loans. I recommend only taking out what money you will need to use for the loans. Avoid using loan money for personal reasons, but if necessary, it is available. You will be required to sign a Master Promissory Note as part of taking out the loan. The college you attend should send you necessary links to complete this, but if you need assistance, I am always here. You can always check your student loan debt throughout college at [www.nsls.ed.gov](http://www.nsls.ed.gov). I also encourage you to ask for unused scholarships at the schools you are attending along with searching for more on your own. Each year you will also need to fill out your FAFSA in order to receive grant money. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me in any way.

I am so proud of all of our students at Humphrey Public School. We have such bright young students that are hungry for success and ready to fill the shoes of our incredible upperclassmen. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer! Similar to last year, if your child appears to be extremely bored, I know a person who lives very close to the school, and her yard seems to need mowed every three days. Send them on over. 😊

Have a great summer!

Cami Oelsigle  
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Humphrey Public Schools  
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*“All Together Now – Bee kind”* is the reading theme at the Humphrey Public Library this summer, and the Library has 9 weeks of fun-filled activities for all ages to enjoy.

Kicking the season off is the *“All Together Now – Bee kind”* reading program and board game. Reading and playing the board game begins on Saturday, June 3, and ends on Saturday, August 5. All readers/read-to-me’s keep track of pages read and play the *“All Together Now – Bee kind”* board game for prizes!

**MARK YOUR CALENDER:** On Wednesday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center small room, staff from Wildlife Encounters of Gretna will bring along several furry and not-so-furry animal friends to visit and share their stories with us. This presentation is free to the public and for all ages!!

**Storytime** for kids ages 3-7 years old are on Thursday mornings at 10:00 on June 8, 22, and 29 at the **Library**. CraftTymes for kids 7 years & older will be on Wednesday mornings, June 7, \*21\*, and 28, and July 12 at 10:00 at the Community Center small room.

Any questions on any of these programs, contact the Humphrey Public Library at 402-923-0957. It’s going to be a busy summer at the Humphrey Public Library....hope to see you there!



**Any JH/HS Students looking  
for some summer work**

## **STUDENTS**

**Opportunity to earn \$620.00 helping us with clean-up  
at the Madison County Fair, July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Day shift: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Evening shift: 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.**

**Night shift: 6 p.m. – 2 a.m.**

**Renner's Cleaning Service**

**402 371-3000**



## **Humphrey Booster Club Summer Ball Concessions**

### **Mission**

To provide support, cooperation, and inspiration to help build curricular and extracurricular programs at Humphrey Public Schools

**This money we receive allows us to give scholarships to Seniors**



**It's supporters like you that help us support this school every day!**  
Please donate and bring donations by **May 12th** to school Attention: Sally  
Dahlberg

If you have a child in **K-3**, 6pk of 16-20 oz bottle Pepsi product

**4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** grade, 6 pk of 16-20 oz bottle pop Coke

**7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** grade, 6 pk of 16-20 oz. bottle Dr. Pepper

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** grade, 6 or 8 pack 18 oz. Gatorade or Powerade.

# May 2023 Activities

## Humphrey Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> *Elementary Spring Concert	<b>2</b> *JH/HS Academic Awards & Spring Concert	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> *1st/2nd Grade Field Trip *Spirit Squad Try-Outs @ HHS	<b>5</b> *5th Grade Field Trip *JH EHC @ Twin River *Golf @ Stanton	<b>6</b>  *Graduation 2:00pm
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Last Day of 4-Year-Old Preschool  *School Board Meeting 7:30pm	<b>9</b> Elementary Awards and Elementary Track & Field Day Last Day of 3-Year-Old Preschool  *Spirit Squad Try-Out @ LHF *Booster Club Meeting 6:00pm	<b>10</b> *HS District Track @ Hartington	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> *3rd Grade Field Trip *FFA Ag in the Park *National Speech	<b>13</b> *National Speech
<b>14</b> *National Speech  	<b>15</b> *District Golf @ Pender	<b>16</b> *FFA Meeting 7:30am *FFA Spring cleanup at Community Building	<b>17</b> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL *End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr/2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester *Teacher In-Service *FFA Spring cleanup at Community Building	<b>18</b> *Teacher In-Service	<b>19</b>   <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">State Track</div>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> *Driver Ed class 8:00am-3:00pm	<b>23</b> *Driver Ed class 8:00am-3:00pm  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">State Golf</div>	<b>24</b> *Driver Ed class 8:00am-3:00pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin and the NEW School website for the most up to date information. Thank You! <a href="http://www.humphreybulldogs.org">www.humphreybulldogs.org</a>		




**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

<p><b>1</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ BBQ Pork on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>2</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Tenders Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p><b>3</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Beef N Bean Burrito or Goulash Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>4</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Corn Dog French Fries Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>5</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p><b>8</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p><b>9</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Noodle Casserole Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>10</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p><b>11</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Cooks Choice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p><b>12</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
<p><b>15</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p><b>16</b> Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Grill Out</p>			

Menus subject to change.  
 Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, toast, 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.*  
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**Humphrey Public School**

**May 2023 Lunch Menu**