



# 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 2025-2026 school year, I want to salute the Class of 2026. 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 3rd graders when I started in Humphrey 10 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 2 at 2:00 p.m. The seniors will walk across the stage one final time as students of Humphrey Public Schools 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 2025-2026 school year. Congratulations to the class of 2026! Your Bulldog Family is proud of you!

As we bring the 2025-2026 school year to an end, our Bulldog family says farewell to Barbara Lovercheck who will retire at the conclusion of the school year after 32 years of teaching all at Humphrey High. We greatly appreciate her years of dedication to the field of education and the impact she has made on our students of Humphrey Public Schools. We also want to recognize and thank Ashlen Brockhaus and Makayla Heidmann for their years of service to Humphrey Public Schools as our 3rd grade teacher and paraprofessional. We greatly appreciate all that Ashlen and Makayla have done for our students and we wish you both the best of luck in your next adventures.

*I would like to remind everyone that the Board of Education approved to amend the 2025-2026 school calendar to reflect a change in the last day of school for students. The last day of school for the 2025-2026 school year is now Tuesday, May 19, 2026 with a 1:00pm dismissal.*

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 May & hope that you all have an awesome summer! GO BULLDOGS!!!

*Mr. King*



# THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

May 2026

There are only a few weeks left in school and finish on a positive note. Let's have a great summer and recharge the batteries and have a great 2026-2027 school year. A few things before we jump into the summer

- Please be aware that lunch balances need to be taken care of before students leave for the summer.
- Keep an eye out for summer activities from the different organizations. There will be camps for football, volleyball, basketball, bowling, and speech.
- Encourage your student to finish the year strong and make sure that all assignments and projects are taken care of before the last day of school which is May 19th.
- Students in grades 7-11 will be participating in the 4th annual Humphrey Ultimate Kickball Tournament on May 19th.
- Drivers ed will begin on May 28th in the HHS cafeteria. 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.
- Mr. Barton will hold a lifting camp for students in grades 7-11 on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Students will be introduced to Mr. Barton and his program.
- Keep an eye out as District and State competitions for track and golf will be here in the next few weeks.

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 have your student(s) 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 NSCAS State Assessment and MAP tests. 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. For the MAP assessment, students in grades 2-6 complete the reading, language usage, science, and math tests. 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.

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

- Elementary Awards / Track and Field Day is Tuesday, May 5, 2026.
  - 8:30am - 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:
  - 5th Grade (Stuhr Museum) - Friday, May 1, 2026
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Fort Hartsuff) – Monday, May 4, 2026
  - 1st & 2nd Grade (Omaha Zoo) – Thursday, May 7, 2026

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 Counselor Newsletter

Greetings from the Counselor,

Talk about fast and furious—what a year! We made it! As we wrap up this final month, I want to thank our incredible staff, students, families, and community members for making this year so meaningful. It is truly a great day to be a Bulldog! 🐾

## Elementary (Grades K-6)

It has been a fun and rewarding year working with our elementary students! Throughout the year, we focused on important social skills such as manners, friendship, bullying prevention, sharing, teamwork, listening, courage, and career awareness.

We also introduced conversations about college and career readiness, helping students understand that there are many paths to a successful future.

👉 Summer Tip: Continue encouraging kindness, sharing, and positive social interactions at home.

If you ever have topics you'd like included in our counseling program, please don't hesitate to reach out—your input is invaluable!

## Junior High (Grades 7-8)

Whether this was your first or last year in junior high, I hope you made the most of it!

Here are a few reminders moving forward:

1. Your grades and GPA now matter for future opportunities.
2. The habits you build now will carry into high school and beyond.
3. Always give your best effort—you'll be proud you did!

👉 Summer Tip:

- Keep reading
- Practice math skills
- Stay curious and explore your interests

Most importantly—have fun and stay safe!

## 9th-10th Grade

Great job this year! Keep building toward your future:

- Continue exploring careers and college options
- Work hard—your efforts now will pay off later
- Consider getting a summer job to start saving
- Stay engaged with learning over the summer


👉 Even small steps now make a big difference later!

## 11th Grade

You will be seniors before you know it!

Here's how to prepare this summer:

- Job shadow or explore career interests
- Research colleges and possible career paths
- Update your Activities Resume
- Begin looking for scholarships
- Consider taking the ACT if you haven't already

 You still have access to ACT Prep through On to College—take advantage of it!


Come back in the fall ready to lead and set the tone for the school!

## 12th Grade

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey—it has truly been a pleasure getting to know each of you and your future plans. I am so proud of you!


As you prepare for the next step:

- Only borrow what you need in student loans
- Complete your Master Promissory Note when required
- Track loans at [nslds.ed.gov](https://nslds.ed.gov)
- Reapply for FAFSA each year
- Continue searching for scholarships

 Remember: Never settle for less than you are capable of.


## I'm Here to Help

If you have questions or need support at any time, please reach out!

 [camio@humphrey.esu7.org](mailto:camio@humphrey.esu7.org)

## Bulldog Pride

I am incredibly proud of all of our students at Humphrey Public School. You are driven, capable, and ready to take on whatever comes next.

Have a safe, fun, and well-deserved summer! 

— Cami Oelsligle  
pK-12 School Counselor

**“Unearth a Story”** is the reading theme at the **Humphrey Public Library** this summer, and the **Library** has **9 weeks of fun-filled activities** for **EVERYONE** to enjoy.

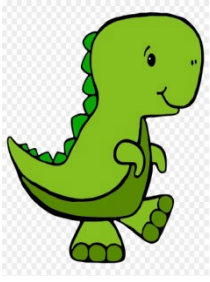
For readers/listeners of all ages, the **Library** has the **“Unearth a Story”** summer reading program that runs from **Saturday, May 30 - Saturday, Aug. 1**. All readers will keep track of pages read and play the dinosaur-themed **“Unearth a Story”** board game for **prizes!!**

The **Library** offers **StoryTime** for kids ages 3-7 years old on **Thursday mornings at 10:00** in June (**June 4, 11, 18, & 25**) at the **Library** for a fun-filled half hour of reading, crafts, finger plays, and games.

On Wednesday mornings on **June 3, 10, 17, & 24**, the **Library** will host **CraftDays** for kids 7 yrs. & older at the **Community Center small room** at 10:00 a.m. Again, lots of fun to be enjoyed.





The Library is doing a few things differently this year as the Library had some major budget cuts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Instead of a major kickoff event, the Library is hosting **Ice Cream for Breakfast** on **Saturday, Aug. 8**, from **9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** At that time, reading certificates and prizes will be available for distribution.

\*\*\*Any questions, contact Michele or Becky at the Humphrey Public Library for answers.\*\*\*



***We hope to see you  
this summer!!***

# May 2026 Activities Humphrey Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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></p>					<p>1 *5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>*EHC Track @ Stanton *Graduation 2:00 pm</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4 *JH Track @ Wisner *4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip</p>	<p>5 *Elementary Awards (K-3 @ 8:30 am &amp; 3-6 @ 9:30 am) *Elementary Track &amp; Field Day *Cheer/Dance Try-Outs</p>	<p>6 *HS Track @ HHS</p>	<p>7 *1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip *Ag in the Park *JH/HS Spring Concert @ Academic Awards</p>	<p>8 *Golf @ Stanton *JH EHC Track @ North Bend</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> 	<p>11 *EHC Golf @ Pender *School Board Meeting</p>	<p>12 <b>FFA Tab Collection Due</b> *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip</p>	<p>13 <b>Last Day of 4-Year-Old Preschool</b> *PK4 Graduation 3:00 pm</p>	<p>14 <b>Last Day of 3-Year-Old Preschool</b> *District Track @ David City</p>	<p>15 *FFA Meeting</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 *District Golf</p>	<p>19 <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 1:00 pm DISMISSAL</b> *Teacher In-service</p>	<p>20 *Teacher In-Service</p>	<p>Internet Down</p>		<p>23 <b>GYM FLOOR CLOSED</b></p>
		<p>*FFA Clean Up 4-8pm</p>		<p>State Track</p>		
<p>24 &amp; 31 <b>GYM FLOOR CLOSED</b></p>	<p>25 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> </p>	<p>26 *Drivers Ed 8am-3pm</p>	<p>27 *Drivers Ed 8am-3pm</p>	<p>28 *Drivers Ed 8am-2pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
		<p>State Golf</p>				



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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. USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer

**1**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Popcorn Chicken/Chicken  
Nuggets  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**4**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Breaded Chicken Patty on a  
Bun  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**5**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Breakfast for Lunch  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**6**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Mini Corn Dogs  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**7**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Chinese/Rice  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**8**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Pizza  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**11**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Cooks Choice  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**12**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Cooks Choice  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**13**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Hamburger on a Bun  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar  
**Bomb Pops given by the  
American Legion Aux.**

**14**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Cooks Choice  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**15**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Cooks Choice  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**18**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Cooks Choice  
Vegetable  
Fruit/Salad Bar

**19**  
Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal  
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Hot Dog Grill Out



# Humphrey Public School

## May 2026 Lunch Menu

# HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 2026 - 2027

|                                       |                   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Aug 10 - Start of Fall Practice       | <b>AUGUST '26</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Aug 10-13 - Staff Work Days           | S                 | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
| Aug 14 - K-12 First Day (1:00pm Dis.) |                   |    |    |    |    |    | 1  |
| Aug 17 - PK-4 First Day               | 2                 | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  |
| Aug 18 - PK-3 First Day               | 9                 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|                                       | 16                | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
|                                       | 23                | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
|                                       | 30                | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |
| Staff- 16    Students- 12             |                   |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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|  | <b>SEPTEMBER '26</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    | Sept 7 - No School (Labor Day)             |
|  | S                    | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | Sept 23 - Teacher In-Service (1:00pm Dis.) |
|  |                      |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |                                            |
|  | 6                    | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |                                            |
|  | 13                   | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |                                            |
|  | 20                   | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |                                            |
|  | 27                   | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |    |    |                                            |
|  |                      |    |    |    |    |    |    | Staff- 21/37    Students- 21/33            |

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Oct 5 - No School (P/T Conferences)       | <b>OCTOBER '26</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Oct 9 - No School (P/T Comp Day)          | S                  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
| Oct 16 - End of 1st Q.                    |                    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| Oct 21 - Teacher In-Service (1:00pm Dis.) | 4                  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
|                                           | 11                 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
|                                           | 18                 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
|                                           | 25                 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| Staff- 21/58    Students- 20/53           |                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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|  | <b>NOVEMBER '26</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    | Nov 6 - No School (Fall Break)             |
|  | S                   | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | Nov 16 - Start of Winter Practice          |
|  | 1                   | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | Nov 25-27 - No School (Thanksgiving Break) |
|  | 8                   | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |                                            |
|  | 15                  | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |                                            |
|  | 22                  | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |                                            |
|  | 29                  | 30 |    |    |    |    |    |                                            |
|  |                     |    |    |    |    |    |    | Staff- 17/75    Students- 17/70            |

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| Dec 18 - End of 2nd Q.               | <b>DECEMBER '26</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Dec 19-31 - No School (Winter Break) | S                   | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
| Dec 23-27 - NSAA Moratorium          |                     |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
|                                      | 6                   | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|                                      | 13                  | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
|                                      | 20                  | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
|                                      | 27                  | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |
| Staff- 14/89    Students- 14/84      |                     |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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|  | <b>JANUARY '27</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    | Jan 1-3 - No School (Winter Break) |
|  | S                  | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | Jan 4 - No School (Staff Work Day) |
|  |                    |    |    |    |    | 1  | 2  | Jan 5 - School Resumes             |
|  | 3                  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  |                                    |
|  | 10                 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |                                    |
|  | 17                 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |                                    |
|  | 24                 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |                                    |
|  |                    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Staff- 20/109    Students- 19/103  |

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| Feb 8 - No School (P/T Conferences)       | <b>FEBRUARY '27</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Feb 12 - No School (P/T Comp Day)         | S                   | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
| Feb 24 - Teacher In-Service (1:00pm Dis.) |                     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
|                                           | 7                   | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|                                           | 14                  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
|                                           | 21                  | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
|                                           | 28                  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Staff- 19/128    Students- 18/121         |                     |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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|  | <b>MARCH '27</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    | Mar 1 - Start of Spring Practice     |
|  | S                | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | Mar 12 - End of 3rd Q.               |
|  |                  | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | Mar 26-29 - No School (Easter Break) |
|  | 7                | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |                                      |
|  | 14               | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |                                      |
|  | 21               | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |                                      |
|  | 28               | 29 | 30 | 31 |    |    |    |                                      |
|  |                  |    |    |    |    |    |    | Staff- 21/149    Students- 21/142    |

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| Apr 15 - Teacher In-Service (1:00pm Dis.) | <b>APRIL '27</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Apr 16 - No School (Spring Break)         | S                | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
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|                                           | 4                | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 |
|                                           | 11               | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
|                                           | 18               | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
|                                           | 25               | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |    |
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| Staff- 21/170    Students- 21/163         |                  |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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|  | <b>MAY '27</b> |    |    |    |    |    |    | May 8 - Graduation                                   |
|  | S              | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  | May 12 - Last Day PK-4                               |
|  |                |    |    |    |    |    | 1  | May 13 - Last Day PK-3                               |
|  | 2              | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | May 18 - Last Day K-11 / End of 4th Q. (1:00pm Dis.) |
|  | 9              | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | May 19-21 - Staff Work Days                          |
|  | 16             | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |                                                      |
|  | 23             | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |                                                      |
|  | 30             | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |                                                      |
|  |                |    |    |    |    |    |    | Staff- 15/185    Students- 12/175                    |

Date Adopted: (03/09/2026)

- No School
- 1:00pm Dismissal
- Teacher Work Day
- P/T Conf. (No School)
- PK First/Last Day