



HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Home of the Bulldogs

From the Superintendent's desk:

Welcome to October. I don't know about you, but I have enjoyed the cooler fall weather. Our Humphrey-Lindsay activities have been in full swing. I hope that you have had a chance to watch our student athletes compete. If you haven't and would like to, please check out our district website for the activity calendar. I know that our student athletes greatly appreciate your support.

As we are now two months into the school year, I want to remind parents about lunch/breakfast accounts and helping keep your account up-to-date. We will continue to communicate balances by utilizing our Connect 5 messaging system to alert families of their negative account balances. As a reminder, we do have an online payment option now through PowerSchool. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office. We appreciate your partnership in this task.

We will be having our fall parent/teacher conferences on Monday, October 5, 2026. We encourage parents to attend to get an update on your students' progress. Our teachers appreciate getting dedicated one on one time to discuss your student(s) and share about the great things they are doing in class. Remember, Monday October 5th is a NO SCHOOL day for students as we have staff professional development in the morning before conferences start. With conferences being held on October 5th, that means we will not be having school on Friday, October 9, 2026.

At the regular board meeting on September 14th, the Humphrey Public School Board of Education approved the budget and tax request for the 2026-2027 school year. The school determines the budget and tax request based on information received from Platte and Madison counties in regards to land valuations and then reviews planned costs and expenditures for the upcoming school year to determine the tax request. The overall cent levy for this year came in at \$0.5061. Last year the total levy was \$0.3975. The main increase comes from the bond passing. During the bond campaign we communicated that the levy would increase if passed approximately \$0.11. The increase is \$0.1086. The goal for our board and I is to be as fiscally responsible as possible while providing the best education for our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

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 October & GO BULLDOGS!!!

Mr. King



THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

October 2026

- On Fridays I will send out a warning message to parents about students whose grades are low. This message will be in the form of a connect5. Please look at PowerSchool for your child's grades. If you have multiple children in school, please check all grades. On the following Monday, I will send out a D/F list to teachers with a letter home to parents. Students 7-12 who have 1 F or 2 Ds will have a lunch detention. What does this mean? The student will be last in line for lunch and will work on material to get their grades up in the library during lunch (students will get to eat).
- I will try to send out a connect5 message on lunch balances on Wednesday/Thursday of each week. I understand it's hard to keep up on what your balance is, but if you ever have a question, please call Pam in the office. Also, please note that you are able to pay online now with a credit or debit card.
- The fall sports schedule is starting to come to a close. Please try to make a ball game or meet as our student/athletes finish up their seasons. Keep an eye out for the One-Act team as their season will start here soon.
- PTC are scheduled for Monday October 5th!
- The end of the 1st quarter this year will be October 16th.
- If your child is going to participate in a winter activity and they do not have a sports physical, they will need to complete a physical by November 16th.
- If you attend a activity please make sure you take the time to pick-up any trash that you may be leaving behind.

Thank you all.

Mr. Kirby



October 2026

Elementary News

From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:

Welcome to October! The weather is starting to get a bit cooler and this means that the end of the 1st quarter is drawing near. We end the first quarter on Friday, October 16, 2026. Just a reminder that on Monday, October 5, 2026 there will be NO SCHOOL for grades PK-12 due to teacher in-service and PT Conferences. There will also be no school for all students and staff on Friday, October 9, 2026 and a 1:00 early dismissal on Wednesday, October 21, 2025.

We encourage parents to be present for parent teacher conferences on October 5th as this is a way for parents and teachers to communicate effectively. If you need to meet with a teacher on a different day, please stop in the main office to ensure that the teacher is available or if an alternative time is needed to hold the discussion.

Students have been working hard on their MAP testing through the end of September. I really appreciate all their hard work and their focus during testing. We had a lot of students reach their grade level goals. We will be taking our second MAP test in the Spring. We look forward to our Spring MAP test data to show positive growth for our students. If you have any questions, please contact your student's teacher or Mr. Rathje.

On Wednesday, October 7, 2026, our FFA Chapter will hold their annual Safety Academy at the park and school. This is a great opportunity for the FFA students to present to our elementary students on safety issues ranging from fire safety, tractor safety, animal safety, and other types. We would like to THANK Mrs. Graham, the FFA Chapter, and our local business supporters for their time in helping with this day.

As I wrap up my letter, please remember as the weather gets colder that it is important to send your students in warmer attire. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Have a GREAT October! As always, we will continue to work to be our Bulldog best each day.

Educationally Yours,

Mr. Rathje



October Counselor Newsletter

Greetings from the Counselor,

I can't believe we are already in the month of October! I hope everyone's year is off to a wonderful start. Always remember: if there is anything I can do to support you, please reach out. Communication is key! Students, talk with your parents/guardians, and parents/guardians, talk with your students about what's happening at school and upcoming events. I am here to help however I can!



Elementary (Grades K–6)

This month we have been focusing on **emotions and building positive self-concepts**—identifying, understanding, coping with, and controlling them. We've also worked on **mindfulness** strategies to help students manage stress during this school year.

👉 Ask your child about their **grounding techniques** or **deep breathing exercises**!

- **6th Grade** has also been discussing **future careers**. We'll continue exploring careers, along with topics such as respect, kindness, and how to prevent bullying.
 - Please encourage your students to **dream big** and explore their curiosity about the future!
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Middle School (Grades 7–9)

Here are a few **tips for success** as you plan for the future:

1. Take school seriously—grades now impact your GPA and transcript.
 2. Many colleges value GPA more than ACT scores when awarding scholarships.
 3. Explore different career options.
 4. Attend school events to build **Bulldog Pride**!
 5. Start saving money now—it will help later.
 6. Keep a running list of awards, activities, and accomplishments for future resumes.
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10th Grade

- Consider taking the ACT. Prepare at www.act.org. Fee waivers are available for students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunches.

- Use your **On to College** account to prepare early.
 - Explore careers and research colleges that offer your intended major.
 - Remember: **Grades matter** when applying to college!
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11th Grade

- Access your **ACT prep course** on On to College.
 - Research colleges, ask questions, and schedule visits.
 - Register and take the **ACT** (ideally at least twice by the end of junior year). www.act.org for dates and registration. Fee waivers available for qualifying students.
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12th Grade

- **Retake the ACT** if needed (October and December are the last widely accepted dates).
 - **Create an FSA ID** for yourself and a parent at www.fsaed.gov. You'll need this to complete the **FAFSA**, which opens October 1.
 - Apply for scholarships:
 - Watch your school email for opportunities I share.
 - Visit www.educationquest.org and check **Scholarship Quest** for even more.
 - Continue with **college visits** and attend visits from college reps at Humphrey High.
(Plus—you get free swag! 🎁)
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I'm Here to Help

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out anytime.

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 It's a great day to be a Bulldog!

— Miss Oelsigle, pK–12 School Counselor

Humphrey Public School

October 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Menus subject to change. Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.			1 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chicken Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	2 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
5 NO SCHOOL 	6 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Salisbury Steak Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	7 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Quesadilla Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	8 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chili or Soup Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	9 NO SCHOOL 
12 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Carnival Dogs Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	13 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Flying Through the Air Saucers Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	14 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Sideshow Sloppy Jo Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	15 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Clown Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Big Top Burgers Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
19 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chicken Alfredo Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	20 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Breakfast for Lunch Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	21 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Walking Tacos Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	22 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	23 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
26 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Chinese & Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	27 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Breaded Pork Patty Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	28 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Stromboli Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	29 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Meatballs & Cheesy Pull-A-Parts Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	30 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal Mummy Dogs Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar

Humphrey Public Activities

October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Check out the website & watch for the most up to date information at www.humphreybulldogs.org ! Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts.				1 *Health Screenings *JH VB vs SRC @ L.A *SB @ Genoa	2 *Feed A Farmer *HS FB vs East Butler @ L.A	3 *HS VB (V) Tournament @ Clarkson *GG @ Oakland *JV VB Tournament @ Stanton
4	5 NO SCHOOL *Teacher In-Service *Parent/Teacher Conferences *SB Districts @ Wahoo *One Act Practice @ L.A	6 *GG Districts @ Oakland *JH FB @ Genoa *JV FB @ Genoa *HS VB (C/JV/V) @ Tilden	7 *PK4 to the Pumpkin Patch *Spirit Squad Practice *FFA Meeting *Banking in School *FFA Safety Academy	8 *HS XC EHC @ W.P-Beemer *PK3 to the Pumpkin Patch *HS (V) VB Triangular @ Howells	9 NO SCHOOL *HS FB @ David City Aquinas	10 *JH VB (A) Tournament @ Fremont Bergen *Columbus Band Parade *Homecoming Coronation
11 	12 *GG State @ North Platte *JH FB @ Tekamah *JV FB @ Tekamah *JH VB @ Howells *School Board Meeting *One Act Practice @ L.A	13 *GG State @ North Platte *JH VB @ Genoa *HS VB (C/JV/V) vs LHNE @ L.A	14 *JH Scholastic Academy @ Spalding *Spirit Squad Practice	15 *SB State @ Hastings *HS G/B XC Districts @ TBD *Feed A Farmer *HS VB EHC @ TBD	16 *End of 1 st Quarter *SB State @ Hastings *Feed A Farmer *HS FB vs Lourdes Central Catholic @ HHS *FFA Fruit Sales Start	17 *SB State @ Hastings *HS VB EHC @ North Bende
18	19 *SB State Championships Finals @ Omaha *JV FB @ Oakland *One Act Practice @ L.A	20	21 1:00pm Student Dismissal *Spirit Squad Practice *Teacher In-Service *National FFA Convention	22 *National FFA Convention	23 *HS G/B XC State @ Kearney *Feed A Farmer *HS FB @ Omaha Christian *Feed A Farmer *National FFA Convention	24 *National FFA Convention
25	26 *HS VB Districts @ TBD *One Act Practice @ L.A	27 *HS VB Districts @ TBD	28 *Spirit Squad Practice *Banking in School	29	30	31 *HS VB District Finals @ TBD