



# 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 HLHF 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.

Our Softball Cooperative made up of Humphrey, Lindsay Holy Family, and Twin River were recently crowned the East Husker Conference Champions. This is the first conference softball championship in school history. Congratulations to the girls on this outstanding achievement!

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 plan to send home notes periodically, however, we will be utilizing our Connect 5 messaging system to alert families of their negative account balances. We are working on getting our meal system synced with PowerSchool so parents are able to check their balances online. We appreciate your partnership in this task.

At the regularly scheduled September board meeting the Humphrey Public School Board of Education approved the budget and tax request for the 2023-2024 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 \$0.378137, which is about a decrease compared to the cents levied last year which was \$0.409943. When you look at our levy, we have been consistently in the bottom five for lowest levies across the state of Nebraska. The goal for our board and I is to be as fiscally responsible as possible while providing the best education for our students. I believe that Humphrey Public School is in great financial standing and hoping to keep that going well into the future! Hopefully this provides information in determining our levy and tax request. 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 2023

The excitement of harvest is in the air! And so are those little black bugs. As I stated last year, please be aware of the extra farm equipment on the roads and be safe as you come and go to school and all the different activities we have. A couple of other items I wanted to talk about for the upcoming month.

- 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.
- I have had a few conversations with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class this last month about their transition into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Some of the students are struggling with this transition and are in need of extra assistance. A few of the items that the staff has noted in September as things the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class needs a reminder on is turning in assignments, talking at appropriate times, being rude to lunch staff, paying attention, and following directions. These are items myself and the staff are going to keep on working with the kids on, and have seen some improvement in the last couple of weeks.
- 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.
- 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.
- Remember that PTC are on October 2<sup>nd</sup> with there being no school on that day or October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be October 13<sup>th</sup>, please have a conversation with your child about finishing the quarter strong.

Thank you all.

Mr. Kirby



# October 2023

## *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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is drawing near. We end the first quarter on Friday, October 13, 2023. Just a reminder that on Monday, October 2, 2023 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 6, 2023 and a 1:00 early dismissal on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Now that we are a month and a half into the school year, we are requesting that parents stop in the main office to drop off their students if arriving after 7:50 a.m. We will then escort them to their classroom. This helps lessen the distractions within the classroom as teachers prepare for the day. Also, if you need to meet with a teacher, 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, September 27, 2023, our FFA Chapter held their annual Safety Academy at the park and school. This was 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.

Picture Day was held on Monday, September 11, 2023. Pictures should have been sent home if you ordered them. If you would like your student to retake their school picture, retake day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023. The 3-year-old preschool students will have their pictures taken on this day. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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!

*Educationally Yours,*  
*Mr. Rathje*

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

## October News from Miss Oelsligle

### ELEMENTARY

**We studied:** Emotions & Feelings, Being Kind, Hygiene

**Important words:** Self-Concept, Positive Action, Self-Worth, Unique

**We will study:** Healthy Habits, Kindness, Helping Others, & Social Media

**Parent notes:** Be vigilant with your child's devices/technology, model kindness and acceptance of others at home, stay involved, and reach out with any questions or concerns.

### JUNIOR HIGH

- Complete assigned tasks on time - this teaches responsibility
- Ask questions - advocate for yourself
- GPA matters as much if not more than ACT scores anymore
- Start saving now for your futures
- Attend school events and build BULLDOG PRIDE!
- Be kind and demonstrate positive actions

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Consider taking or retaking the ACT
- Think about and have conversations about your future career
  - Research colleges, visit them, meet with them when they're at school
- Seniors watch for information communicated to you about the FAFSA
- Stay caught up on course work, and be mindful of your mental health
- Be kind and demonstrate positive actions

### IMPORTANT DATES

- October 3rd - Career Day at Leigh (10-12th grades)
- October 10th - JH Scholastic Contest
- October 18th - Campus visit to Northeast Community College (10-12th grade)
- October 25th - PSAT (11th grade)
- October 28th - National ACT Test

### CONTACT ME

Miss Oelsligle

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# What's happening in Kindergarten

Kindergarten is off to a great start this school year! Miss Zach and her students were ecstatic to begin the school year with four new flower tables instead of desks. The tables provide students with more opportunities to collaborate with their peers, promoting social skills, and create a functional classroom environment for lots of movement. Thank you Mr. King!

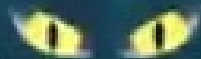
On September 27th, Mrs. Graham and the Humphrey FFA Chapter invited all elementary classes to Ag in the Park for FFA Safety Academy. The Kindergarten class enjoyed learning about fire safety and farm safety. Their favorite part was getting to sit in the fire truck and multiple tractors. Thank you Mrs. Graham and the Humphrey FFA Chapter!

It's hard to believe parent-teacher conferences are already here and it's almost the end of the first quarter. The Kindergarteners have been working hard, having fun, and learning so much. We are looking forward to our field trip to Poppy's Pumpkin Patch and our Halloween Party at the end of the month. Happy October!

Miss Zach, Kindergarten



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



**WEAR BRIGHT OR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING.**



**CARRY A FLASHLIGHT.  
COSTUMES CAN BE FLAMMABLE. STAY AWAY FROM FLAMES.**



**CHECK YOUR TREATS BEFORE YOU EAT.**



**DON'T TEXT AND FLY AND FLY SLOWLY IN  
NEIGHBORHOODS**



**NEVER GO IN A STRANGER'S HOUSE OR VEHICLE**



**STAY IN GROUPS, OBEY ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS, AND WALK ON  
SIDEWALKS**



# Humphrey Public Activities

## October 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>  *Teacher In-Service *Parent-Teacher Conferences *SB Sub-Districts @ TBD	3 <b>PICTURE RETAKES</b>  *Career Fair @ Leigh for Grades 10-12 *JH FB @ Genoa *VB @ Tilden (C,JV,V)	4 *FFA Meeting 7:30am *Cheer/Dance Practice *4 yr PK to Pumpkin Patch *Pep Band Parade Spectacular	5 *3 yr PK to Pumpkin Patch *HS XC EHC @ Pender *HS VB Triangular @ Howells	6 <b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS &amp; STAFF</b>  *SB Districts @ TBD *FB vs East Butler @ LHF	7 *JH XC State @ Omaha Papillion
8	9 *JH FB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ LHF *JH VB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS *JV FB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ LHF *School Board Meeting	10 *Feed A Farmer @ Tarnov *JH Scholastic Contest @ Spalding *JH VB vs Twin River @ LHF *JV VB Triangular @ Howells	11 *Banking in School *Cheer/Dance Practice *SB State @ TBD	12 *SB State @ TBD *HS VB EHC @ TBD *HS XC District @ TBD	13 *End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter *FCCLA Meeting *Feed A Farmer @ CVA *SB State @ TBD *FB @ St. Francis	14 *SB State @ TBD *HS VB EHC @ Clarkson-Leigh
15 	16 *Start of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter *FCCLA DLC	17 *JH FB vs Stanton @ HHS *HS VB vs Central City @ HHS (C,JV,V)	18 *Pre-ACT for Juniors *Cheer/Dance Practice	19 *HS VB @ LHNE (C,JV,V)	20 *Feed A Farmer @ CVA *FFA Fruit Sales Start *HS XC State @ Kearney	21
22	23 *HS VB Sub-Districts @ TBD	24 *HS VB Sub-Districts @ TBD	25 <b>*1:00pm Student Dismissal</b> *Banking in School *Cheer/Dance Practice *PSAT for Juniors *Teacher In-Service	26	27	28 -HS VB District Finals @ TBD
	30	31 	Check out the website & watch 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.			

# Humphrey Public School

## October 2023



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL 	3 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Chicken & Waffles Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Spaghetti Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Garlic Stick	5 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Mini Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	6 NO SCHOOL 
9 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Meatball Sub Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	10 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Chili/Soup Cinnamon Roll Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	11 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Nachos & Trimmings Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	12 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Salisbury Steak Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	13 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
16 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Sloppy Jo on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	17 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Chinese & Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	18 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	19 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Hamburger Casserole Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	20 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
23 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Chicken Alfredo Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bread Stick	24 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Flying Saucer Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun	25 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Taco in a Bag Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	26 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Cheeey Pull Apart with Marinara Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	27 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Hamburger on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar
30 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> Tacos Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar	31 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal <hr/> King Mummy on a Stick Rathje Witch Fingers Kirby ZomBeans Fruit/Salad Bar	Menus subject to change. 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. <i>Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.</i> USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.		