



From the Superintendent's desk:

Thank you to all of our students, staff and parents for helping Humphrey Public School get off to a fantastic start to the 2021-2022 school year. Your positive attitude and excitement to see everyone again was a joy to observe. With our upcoming Labor Day break, students and staff will have the opportunity to enjoy one last summer getaway before heading into a very busy month of September, full of many exciting school activities.

Included this month in my newsletter is the 2021-2022 Illness Plan. This document will hopefully provide you guidance about school protocols and guidelines as we continue to battle the COVID virus, different variants and other seasonal illnesses including influenza, strep etc. We are asking parents to please keep your children home when they are not feeling well or sick to help prevent the spread of illness. In the following document are protocols for when students/staff would be required to be in a mandatory mask mandate. In all situations, there is also a set time period where we would end the mask mandate and go back to making masks optional if/when our illness numbers go down. Our goals are to keep our students and staff healthy and safe, keep students in school with in-person learning and finally keep students in activities. Together with your help and support, we can accomplish many great things including our three goals. Your willingness to follow our 2021-2022 Illness Plan and guidelines are greatly appreciated. I want our students and staff to know their physical and mental well-being is very important to me. I hope they know how much I support and appreciate them every day for their determination and commitment to learning and teaching here at Humphrey Public School.

I wish you an awesome September, this newsletter will end similarly to others, if you ever have any questions, please call and get the answers. This will help curb misinformation and eliminate rumors, which are greatly appreciated by the teachers and me.

Mr. Sjuts

# Humphrey Public Schools



## 2021-2022 Illness Plan

### Mask Guidelines

Due to the increasing number of cases with the COVID variant, the COVID-19 virus, and the potential cases of influenza, strep throat, etc. Humphrey Public has developed an illness plan, should the need arise, for instituting a mask mandate for students and staff in school and on school transportation.

Because Humphrey Public cannot and will not be asking about health conditions or vaccination status,

each individual and family should exercise any additional precautions they see fit to be in attendance at school. We need the community and parents' help to curb the spread of illness.

While masks are not currently mandated, employees and students who would like to wear them are encouraged to do so.

If mandated, mask-wearing or other precautions WILL NOT be optional.

Contact tracing may be done by Humphrey Public with the assistance from the health district, or any other medical institution. This is our best way of stopping community spread while still allowing students, staff, and families the freedoms they wish to keep regarding masks.

**MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED AND NOT REQUIRED PK - 12,**  
unless the board of education authorizes it's obligation through statute:

**79-526.** Class III or IV school district; school board; schools; supervision and control; powers.

(1) The school board or board of education of a Class III or IV school district has responsibility for the general care and upkeep of the schools, shall provide the necessary supplies and equipment, and, except as otherwise provided, has the power to cause pupils to be taught in such branches and classified in such grades or departments as may seem best adapted to a course of study which the board shall establish with the consent and advice of the State Department of Education. The board shall make provision for pupils that may enter at any time during the school year. The board shall have a record kept of the advancement of all pupils in each branch of study. **The board shall make rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the government and health of the pupils and devise any means as may seem best to secure the regular attendance and progress of children at school.**

### What data will initiate a mask mandate?

Our absentee rate for **ANY ILLNESS** that exceeds 9% in our school will result in a mandatory mask policy for the period of 15 school days (3 weeks) or until the rate subsides under the 9% if longer than 3 weeks.

An absentee rate at 11% or above may result in a 24-48 hour shutdown of the school to deep clean and will also result in a mandatory mask policy for 15 school days (3 weeks) or until the rate subsides under 9%.

### At 9% Absenteeism Due To Illness ...

- we will begin social distancing during the lunch hour again, at least for the period of 3 weeks.
- only immediate family will be allowed into the buildings.
- we will determine who is allowed to attend activities.
- indoor activities requirements may be handled differently than outdoor activities.
- masks will be required on school transportation during the mask mandate



### Humphrey Public Schools What does 9% look like?

#### Preschool/Elementary School

13 Students absent school wide in the elementary.

Grade Level Enrollments:

PK = 29	K = 17	1st = 17
2nd = 15	3rd = 16	4th = 13
5th = 20	6th = 18	

#### JH/High School

11 Students absent school wide in the jr-sr high school.

Grade Level Enrollments:

7th Grade - 17	8th Grade - 20	9th Grade = 17	10th Grade = 21	11th Grade = 22	12th Grade = 23
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\*If we exceed the 9% due to illness, Humphrey Public will initiate a school wide mask mandate for 3 weeks.



# SEPTEMBER

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

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

With the 2021-2022 school year underway, the hallways have been buzzing with excitement from both students and staff. We have had a fantastic start to our school year and it has been great to have everyone back in the building.

Our FCCLA Fun Fair and Elementary Open House was well attended. I hope your family was able to partake in the activities. Thanks to Ms. Broman and the FCCLA students for putting on such a great event, as well as all of our students in grades 7-12 and their class sponsors.

As we get into the swing of things with school activities, please make sure that you are checking out our website for schedule updates [www.humphreybulldogs.org](http://www.humphreybulldogs.org). If you can't locate something on the website, please feel free to contact the school and we can assist you. In addition to our website, make sure to follow the HPS Bulldogs on Facebook and Twitter for updates as well. If you ever have any questions pertaining to the schedule, please contact the school office.

New to our elementary staff this year is Ms. Alyssa Rood. She is our new 3rd grade teacher. This is Ms. Rood's first year teaching. She graduated in May from Doane University. Please help us welcome Ms. Rood to our Bulldog Family!

I wanted to remind all of our parents that the USDA Free Lunch Program will continue through the 2021-2022 school year. Yes, I said FREE. This program is good for breakfast and lunch. Remember, their first meal is free. If students want seconds, they will have to pay for the second helping of the main course. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. King or Michelle Wemhoff at school.

With a new year beginning, that means another round of assessments. The elementary students have completed their Acadience testing. The district MAP assessments started the last week in August and will be completed by mid September. The MAP assessments provide valuable feedback on student growth and identify certain areas for teachers to focus on to reinforce skills. As your child's grade is taking the assessments, it is important that our students are in attendance, get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast so that they can test to the best of their abilities.

I want to thank our bus route drivers, Paul, Dean, Randy, Charlie, Ron & Steve for all they do to help get our students to school and home safely. Just a reminder that extra riders on the bus will not be allowed. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

The last thing that I would like to remind parents is calling into the school office to let us know if your student will be absent. Notification can be by phone call, email, or note. If attending an appointment of any kind, please make sure to have a note signed by the staff of the medical facility your appointment was held. Those can be brought into the school office or they can be faxed. If it is faxed, please call and check to see that we received them. Sometimes they don't always come through. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

As I wrap up my letter, I would recommend that you continue to have conversations with your children about positive character traits and encourage them to work their hardest in all that they do. With a team effort, we can make this school year outstanding for our students. If you ever have any questions or would like to talk, please feel free to stop in my office or give me a call. My door is always open!



**Mr. King**

# Bulldogs

## Jr/Sr High – IN THE KNOW

Students and staff are roaming the halls at Humphrey Public Schools for yet again another school year. We are excited to start another year here at HHS. A few things to go over before the year gets off in full swing.

This year will bring a few new faces to the Bulldog staff. In the elementary, Ms. Rood will join us as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and Jr high coach. Miss. Rood is a recent graduate from Doane University and originally from Tilden, NE. In the high school, Miss Broman will be our new FCS/FCCLA instructor. Ms. Broman comes to us after teaching this last year at Schuyler Community Schools. We are lucky to have Ms. Rood and Ms. Broman and look forward to their talents shinning this year.

Other exciting news, the USDA will be providing FREE breakfast and lunch to all students for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note that if your child would like seconds, they must pay for it. If you have any questions, please call the school.

If you have not already, please get a hold of Mrs. Luedtke about getting set up for PowerSchool. PowerSchool is the district's software for reporting grades and attendance. PowerSchool does provide an app for you to keep track of your child's grades and attendance.

Football, Volleyball, Softball, and Cross Country are all off and going strong. Please check the school website for times and locations for games/matches as the year goes on. Gym capacity is back to full and we would like to pack the gym/field to support our kids.

Last, I want to thank everyone for welcoming my family and me to Humphrey. Moving and taking a new position are nerve wracking, but the community has made the transition much easier for two boys, wife, and myself. I can't thank you enough and express how much it means to me. Please, if you see me, come on up and introduce yourself. Note, I do a terrible job of remembering names.

Thank you all,

*Mr. Kirby*



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to school! I think we can all agree that last year was quite possibly the strangest year for any of us. We can all agree some normalcy this year would be ideal, but we also know not to get our hopes up with the everchanging rules and regulations. I believe, in times like we are facing, it is of upmost importance to be flexible, understanding, empathetic, and overall good human beings. As we move throughout the year, please keep in mind that teachers, staff, and students are doing their very best to make the most of the educational and social opportunities for the wellbeing of Bulldog nation.

It is great to be back for my sixth year with Humphrey Public Schools. Similar to last year, I will write monthly to share important information and updates. In regards to the elementary, I will share the topics we have discussed and those we plan to discuss in the near future along with activities we have or will complete. I will provide the Junior High and High School Students and parents with helpful tips, information, and encouraged tasks to complete within the month. If there is ever a concern you would like addressed in the elementary, or information shared with many students, please feel free to contact me. I would love to include the information.

Elementary: In Guidance, we will focus on three Units: Academics, Social/Emotional well-being, and College and Career readiness. There will be activities, videos, readings, speakers, and other information given throughout the year. The first month in Guidance, we will refresh with an introduction, expectations, and ice breakers. We have some new faces in the classrooms, so I want to make sure we are all on the same page. I will take this time to get to know them further as well as our awesome students returning. We will begin talking about how to be a good student and the ways we can be the best classmates as well. We will also begin discussing personal hygiene as that can play a big role in student success across the board.

## Junior High:

- To the seventh graders, welcome to the other side of the building. Remember with more freedom comes more responsibility.
- It is up to you all to make sure you are asking questions if you do not understand, turning in your homework on time, and communicating to your teachers and parents on necessary items such as being absent for a school activity.
- To the eighth graders, remember that you were the most recent ones in the seventh graders positions. Please, be the best role models and help them out with necessary advice or assistance when needed. Also, set a good example of work ethic and school spirit to build a stronger community.
- Remember your grades are important, and in classes such as Algebra, begin affecting your high school GPA. Remember to stay organized and work hard in all that you do.

## 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- Grades matter. Many students find it difficult to get an ACT score they would really like to have. ACT scores do play a big role in your future with college admittance and scholarships. Another key component in that is your GPA and class rank. If your GPA is high, it can help offset an ACT score that is not where you would like it to be. On the topic of the ACT, consider the option of taking the ACT as an underclassman. You should all be aware of the switch from NSCAS to ACT as juniors, meaning all juniors will take the ACT at school. In order to prepare yourselves, sometimes it is beneficial to know what the test will be like by taking it when you are younger. This is not required but something to consider.
- Also, begin to research colleges you have an interest in. Check if these colleges have the degree that you would like to pursue, and then do some more research. Please, see me if you have any questions at all.

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

- You are all at the big ACT year. Three years ago, the state of Nebraska transitioned from the NESAS, now NSCAS, state assessment for juniors and switched to the ACT. This provides the opportunity for all students to take the ACT free of charge as well as having access to beneficial preparatory materials. The school will handle all registration for this ACT.
- On top of the state ACT, you may be interested in taking the ACT on your own. In order to do this, register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). You will be able to create an account and register for a future test. Due to the COVID virus, there have been additional September and October dates placed on the schedule. The ACT costs \$60.00 with no writing. If you want the optional writing section, the ACT costs \$85.00. The State ACT will include writing, but this is for state purposes not the colleges. Many ask the question of whether or not writing is necessary. Colleges do not typically require a writing score. It is beneficial if planning to pursue a degree that includes writing such as journalism, but not typically needed otherwise.
- If your family qualifies for free and reduced lunches or at an income that would qualify, please see me. We have available fee waivers that cover the test costs.
- Also in your junior year, you will want to begin doing more research on colleges, including visiting them. If interested, there will be area College Fairs occurring in both Lincoln and Omaha. I am not aware of those dates at this time, but I will communicate with you all via email and posters when the dates are released. The College fairs include area colleges and gives you the opportunity to speak to many colleges at one location. You may ask questions in regards to admission requirements, scholarships, and degree possibilities. These events will likely be virtual this year, so pay attention for an email with information.
- We will be attending an EPP (formally known as College Fairs) on CCC's campus September 28<sup>th</sup>. A permission slip was sent home with junior and seniors.
- College reps will zoom in this year. As juniors, we encourage you to meet with any rep from the colleges you have even a slight interest in. Hopefully, we can start to narrow down your future plans.

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

1. Welcome to the top of the pyramid. Please, remember how many students are looking up to you to set a good example. Begin to narrow down your career choice and college choice. If you are not sure on a destination, make sure to visit the colleges as soon as you can. The visits will likely be virtual this year, but in-person ones are happening in certain locations. I can also help you narrow down your options and register for visits if you would like.
2. Another topic to be familiar with is the FAFSA. This determines what aid you may receive while in college. Beginning on October 1, you will be able to fill out the FAFSA. In order to do so, you and ONE parent will need to have FSA Ids. You can create these on [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](http://www.fsaaid.ed.gov). Do not stress too much about this. We will have a FAFSA night to help with many of the concerns you may be experiencing. I am also available to help whenever possible. Central Community College and Northeast Community College along with Education Quest also provide individualized and expert assistance on the FAFSA. You will need to call to make an appointment.
3. It is always the right time to look for scholarships. I always recommend Scholarship Quest in partnership with Education Quest. There are other great resources out there. If ever it asks for a social security number and it is not directly from the college, DO NOT give it out. The Scholarship is likely not valid. If ever you find one and are not sure, do not hesitate to send me the link and I will research the validity of the scholarship.
4. Always watch your email for information and scholarship opportunities from me!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will do my best to answer them as soon as possible.

It is a great day to be a Bulldog!

Miss Oelsligle

pK-12 School Counselor

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# Introducing some new Bulldogs:



Miss Kotas:

Hello! My name is Michelle Kotas and I am teaching Kindergarten while Mrs. Goering is on maternity leave. I grew up on a farm in southeast Nebraska with my parents and two younger sisters. I went to school and graduated from a small town of Dorchester in 2017. After High School, I went on to Wayne State College where I received my Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education this past May. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my friends and family and watching Husker Sports. I am excited to be a part of the Bulldog Family! GO BULLDOGS!



Ms. Rood:

Hi, my name is Alyssa Rood. I am originally from Meadow Grove where I attended Elkhorn Valley Schools in Tilden. After that, I moved to Crete and obtained my bachelors degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education from Doane University, and I am currently working on my master's degree. I am so happy to now be teaching 3rd grade and coaching junior high volleyball here in Humphrey! I enjoy spending time with family, friends, and going on walks with my dog, Molly. I am extremely excited to be a part of the Bulldog family!




Ms. Broman:


I am originally from Lincoln Nebraska and went to school at Wayne State College. I graduated May 2020 with a Bachelors in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and a minor in Family Life Studies. In my free time I like to spend time with my dog and my Fiancé. My favorite hobbies are sewing and making food. I am very excited for this school year and growing the FCCLA chapter.



# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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> ! Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information.</p>			<p><b>1</b> *District Greenhand Day @ CCC</p>	<p><b>2</b> *SB Triangular @ Genoa *HS XC @ Beemer</p>	<p><b>3</b> *JH XC @ Madison *HS FB vs Hartington-New Castle @ HHS</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> *Booster Club Mtg 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> *SB @ Stromsburg *JH VB @ Stanton *HS VB vs GACC @ HHS (C/JV/V)</p>	<p><b>8</b> *FFA Meeting 7:30am</p>	<p><b>9</b> *SB Triangular @ Genoa *HS VB @ North Bend (C/JV/V)</p>	<p><b>10</b> *FCCLA Mtg 7:30am *JH/HS XC @ Norfolk *HS FB vs North Central @ LHF</p>	<p><b>11</b> *SB Tourney @ Lakeview *JH VB Tourney @ Clarkson *HS VB Tourney @ Friend</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> *JH FB vs Elba @ LHF * JH VB vs Clarkson-Leigh @ LHF *SB @ Central City *School Board Mtg 9:00pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> *JH VB @ GACC *HS VB @ Oakland-Craig</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>PICTURE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> *HS XC @ Pender *SB @ GICC *HS VB Triangular @ High Plains</p>	<p><b>17</b> *HS FB @ Shelby-Rising City</p>	<p><b>18</b> *C Team VB Tourney @ North Bend *HS VB Tourney @ Bartlett</p>
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> *JH FB @ St. Edward *SB Triangular @ Malcolm *C/JV VB vs Laurel / Concord/Coleridge @ HHS  *SPIRIT WEEK</p>	<p><b>21</b> *SB vs Pierce @ Genoa *HS VB Triangular @ Logan View  *SPIRIT WEEK</p>	<p><b>22</b>  *SPIRIT WEEK</p>	<p><b>23</b> *SB Triangular @ St. Paul *HS VB @ Summerland (JV/V)  *SPIRIT WEEK</p>	<p><b>24</b> *Feed A Farmer (FFA) @ CVA *JH/HS XC @ Albion *HS Football vs East Butler @ HHS *Homecoming Dance  *SPIRIT WEEK</p>	<p><b>25</b> *SB EHC Tourney @ West Point *Marching Band Parade @ Norfolk</p>
<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> *XC @ UNK (Kearney) *SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</p>	<p><b>28</b> *SB @ Ord *HS VB @ Pender (C/JV/V)  *SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</p>	<p><b>29</b> *PK4 Pumpkin Patch *FFA Safety Academy (1:40-3:36pm) at the park  *SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</p>	<p><b>30</b> *PK3 Pumpkin Patch *JH/HS @ Stanton *HS VB Vs Omaha Concordia @ HHS (C/JV/V)  *SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR</p>		

# Humphrey Public School September 2020 Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>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>1 Egg Frittata ----- Mr. Ribb on a Bun Green Beans Oranges</p>	<p>2 French Toast Sticks ----- Chicken Fajita over Rice Corn Pineapple</p>	<p>3 Breakfast Pizza ----- Bulldog Burger French Fries Mandarin Oranges Cookie</p>
<p>6 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> </p>	<p>7 Biscuit &amp; Gravy ----- Pork Patty on a Bun Broccoli or Baked Beans Pears</p>	<p>8 Yogurt Cup ----- Beef Nachos Lettuce Corn Peaches</p>	<p>9 Pancake ----- Chicken &amp; Waffles Green Beans Oranges Dinner Bun</p>	<p>10 Scrambled Eggs &amp; Links ----- Fiestada Romaine Lettuce Pineapple</p>
<p>13 Breakfast Pizza ----- Meatball Sub Sandwich Baked Beans Chips Pears</p>	<p>14 Pancake Wrap ----- Flying Saucer Corn Peaches Dinner Bun</p>	<p>15 Waffles ----- Hamburger Casserole Broccoli Star Apple Dinner Bun</p>	<p>16 Egg Wrap ----- Beef N Bean Burrito Or Hot Dog Potato Smiles Pineapple</p>	<p>17 Breakfast Burrito ----- Stuffed Crust Pizza Romaine Lettuce Applesauce</p>
<p>20 Yogurt Cup ----- Hot Ham &amp; Cheese on a Bun Corn Tri-Taters Pears</p>	<p>21 French Toast Stick ----- Quesadilla Romaine Lettuce Peaches Brownie</p>	<p>22 Bisuit &amp; Gravy ----- Chicken Alfredo Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Oranges Breadstick</p>	<p>23 Pancake ----- Breaded Beef Pattie Mashed Potates &amp; Gravy Applesauce</p>	<p>24 Breakfast Pizza ----- Shredded Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Pineapple</p>
<p>27 <b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>28 Pancake on a Stick ----- Spaghetti Corn Pears Breadstick</p>	<p>29 Scrambled Eggs &amp; Ham ----- Chicken Patty on a Bun Peas or Carrots Peaches</p>	<p>30 Pancake ----- Sub Sandwich Baked Beans Chips Applesauce</p>	