



# HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL

*Home of the Bulldogs*

From the Superintendent's desk:

Thank you to all of our students, staff and parents for helping Humphrey Public School get off to an awesome start to the 2023-2024 school year. Your excitement and enthusiasm about a new school year has been a joy to observe.

The FCCLA Open House and Fun Fair was another huge success. Thank you for your patience as we moved the festivities inside due to the heat. Something different this year is that we had Fun Fair Prize Sponsors. Thank you to Big Iron Reality, ASInc., and the Humphrey Democrat for your generous donations to help provide the prizes at each game.



## Humphrey Democrat

As our activities are getting started, I would encourage you to attend the Booster Club meetings that are held once a month. These meetings are important for parents of all ages to attend and become involved with. The Booster Club provides so many additional funding opportunities for teachers, groups, and students. They need your help in being a voice and an active member whether your student is in first grade or is a junior. All help is greatly appreciated. You may have gotten a note sent home recently as they are asking for donations for the upcoming Burger Bash's. Your donations can be brought to the office.

Now that we are a couple weeks past the bond election date, discussions will start on the next steps in what could be considered to help make the next bond elections successful if the board decides to move forward with another election. As you talk with folks throughout the district, please feel free to provide any feedback that you have heard. You can either email myself, give me a call at

school, or stop by to talk. I would encourage you to reach out to any board members to provide your feedback as well. We know that our needs still exist and will keep students first in our next steps.

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 September & GO BULLDOGS!!!

*Mr. King*



# THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

September 2023

Thank you all for helping the 2023-2024 school year off and running. It does not take long for the activities to start and for the calendar to get full. Before we get to deep into the year I just wanted to make sure that I went over a few things.

- The D/F list will come out every Monday for the remainder of the quarter. Please make sure that your student is aware of the PowerSchool sign-in information to keep track of their grades. If you need this information, please contact Mrs. Luedtke.
- I did go over a few changes with the students that occurred in the student handbook. The major one dealt with cell phones. Please be aware that students who have their phones taken away will be subject to a Saturday School (on the third offense). Please communicate with your student about leaving their phones in their lockers.
- Volleyball, Softball, Cross Country, and Football have all started their respective seasons. Please check the sports calendar and make a few ball games. The kids have been working hard this fall season so far.
- Every few weeks I will send out a connect5 message if a student's lunch balance falls below zero dollars. Please communicate with Michelle and Pam about your balance and/or submitting payments.
- The new Diversified Occupations program at HHS has started off on a great note. This fall semester 6 students have joined the program. The program allows Srs the ability to leave at 12:15pm daily and go to work. The program is geared to help students develop skills that they will need when they enter the workforce full time.

Mr. Kirby



# SEPTEMBER 2023

## *Elementary News*

*From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:*

With the 2023-2024 school year underway, we love seeing the smiles as students walk through our doors. It has been a GREAT start to the school year and we are excited to have everyone back in our building.

I would like to give a big SHOUT OUT to our elementary teachers for helping with our Elementary Open House on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Although it was very hot outside, we had a great turnout! Also, we would like to THANK our FCCLA as well as all of our students in grades 7-12 and their class sponsors for putting on the Fun Fair again this year and for making it a great event. I hope your family was able to partake in the activities.

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.

With a new year beginning also means another round of assessments. The elementary students have completed their Acadience testing. The district MAP assessments will begin the week in mid-September and will be completed by the end of 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 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 attendance at school and being positive leaders in our school and community. 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!



Educationally Yours,

**Mr. Rathje**



Welcome back to school! I think we can all agree that it's nice to feel a small sense of normalcy again. I believe 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 eighth 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. New this year, we have purchased the Positive Action curriculum. The classroom elementary teachers have bought into the importance of educating the entire child and have implanted this within the curriculum. We are hopeful that we will continue to see growth in all of our students. To accompany this, our school psychologist and I will work with students in smaller groups where we will continue to discuss the lessons learned in class while also having the opportunity to work through class conflicts, personal hygiene, and other important and necessary topics.

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.

### 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. Five 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. The ACT costs \$68.00 with no writing. If you want the optional writing section, the ACT costs \$93.00. 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 or taken 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.

- College reps will be in person and available through zoom 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. New this year, ALL students must complete the FAFSA even if you do not plan to accept aid for college. In order to do so, you and ONE parent will need to have FSA Ids. There is current legislation that will likely require BOTH parents to fill out the FAFSA. 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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# Humphrey Public School September 2023 Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Menus subject to change.</p> <p>Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, Long John, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast.</p> <p>Choice of cold sandwich, milk, water and salad bar offered daily for lunch.</p> <p><i>Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am.</i></p> <p>USDA is an equal opportunity provider &amp; employer.</p>				1
4	5	6	7	8
<p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p> 	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos &amp; Trimmings Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Flying Saucer Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ McRibb on a Bun Mac N Cheese Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sloppy Jo on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
11	12	13	14	15
<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Tator Tot Casserole Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Fajita/Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soft Shell Taco Potato Smiles Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ 5" Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Cookie</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Shredded Pork on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
18	19	20	21	22
<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pork Patty on a Bun Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Popcorn Chicken Bowl Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Beef N Bean Burrito or Hot Dog Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Corn Dog French Fries Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>
25	26	27	28	29
<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sub Sandwich Chips Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Taco in a Bag Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger on a bun French Fries Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>



# SEPTEMBER 2023

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>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*HS FB @ Osceola</li> <li>*JH XC @ Madison</li> </ul>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB @ Stromsburg</li> <li>*VB vs GACC @ HHS(C,JV,V)</li> <li>*JV FB vs Madison @ HHS</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*FFA Meeting</li> <li>*District Greenhand day @ CCC</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB Triangular @ West Point</li> <li>*VB @ North Bend (C,JV,V)</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*JH/HS XC @ Norfolk</li> <li>*HS FB vs Randolph @ HHS 4:00pm</li> <li>*Homecoming</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB Tournament @ Columbus Lakeview</li> <li>*JH VB Tournament @ Clarkson</li> </ul>
<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>PICTURE DAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB @ Central City</li> <li>*JV FB vs Osceola @ HHS</li> <li>*JH VB @ Clarkson</li> <li>*One Act Practice</li> <li>*School Board Meeting 9:00pm</li> </ul>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*JH VB vs GACC @ LHF</li> <li>*HS VB @ Oakland (C,JV,V)</li> <li>*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument Night 7:00pm</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Cheer/Dance Practice</li> <li>*Banking in School</li> <li>*ASVAB testing</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB @ GICC</li> <li>*JH/HS XC @ Pender</li> <li>*HS VB @ Leigh (C,JV,V)</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*HS FB vs Howells-Dodge @ HHS</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*HS VB Tournament @ Cross County</li> </ul>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB Triangular @ Genoa</li> <li>*JH VB @ Riverside</li> <li>*JH FB @ Spalding</li> <li>*JV FB @ Spalding</li> <li>*One Act Practice</li> </ul>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB @ Pierce</li> <li>*HS VB Triangular @ HHS</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Cheer/Dance Practice</li> <li><b>1:00 pm Student Dismissal</b></li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB Triangular @ Genoa</li> <li>*HS VB Triangular @ Summerland</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*FCCLA Meeting</li> <li>*JH/HS XC @ Albion</li> <li>*HS FB @ Walthill</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Marching Band @ Lion's Club Parade in Norfolk</li> <li>*SB EHC Tourney @ Clarkson-Leigh</li> </ul>
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Ag Literacy @ Lakeview</li> <li>*HS XC @ Kearney</li> <li>*JH VB @ HHS</li> <li>*JH FB @ Bancroft</li> <li>*JV FB @ Bancroft</li> <li>*One Act Practice</li> </ul>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB @ Ord</li> <li>*HS VB @ Pender (C,JV,V)</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Cheer/Dance Practice</li> <li>*Banking in School</li> <li>*Safety Academy @ Humphrey Park</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*JH/HS XC @ Stanton</li> <li>*JH VB @ Shelby</li> <li>*One Act Practice</li> </ul>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Feed A Farmer @ CVA</li> <li>*HS FB vs Winside @ LHF</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SB Quad @ Wahoo</li> <li>*HS VB Tournament @ Clarkson</li> </ul>