

SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER



NO SCHOOL
REMINDER

A reminder that
Humphrey Public School
will not be in session
on the following days
in February:

Mon. February 10, 2025
Fri. February 14, 2025

HPS will also have a
1:00 dismissal on
Wed. Feb 26, 2025
for teacher in-service.

As I begin my February newsletter, I want to start by congratulating Mrs. Beebe, FCCLA advisor and the FCCLA students who qualified for the state FCCLA conference this spring. Our FCCLA chapter had 24 students qualify for state in their respective events. Good luck to Mrs. Beebe and all of the students as they compete at state.

In my January newsletter I informed the school community about myself approaching the Humphrey City Council requesting they consider closing the north half of the street in front of the school to place portable classrooms with close proximity to the building without having to take away playground space and equipment. At the January City Council meeting we were informed that they would not be able to approve our request due to insurance and attorney recommendations. The board and administration are considering other alternatives at this time in order to not have to take away playground space from our students, while also being fiscally responsible.

Our Winter activity teams are in the home stretch of their seasons. If you haven't been able to make a game, match, or meet, check out the calendar. The student/athletes greatly appreciate the support.



Go Bulldogs

We have two additions to our staff to share with our school community. Pending board approval at the February meeting, Natalie Beranek will be joining our staff as our new preschool teacher. Mrs. Beranek currently teaches preschool at Shell Creek Elementary within the Lakeview School District. With her hiring, brings movement with other staff. Mrs. Droescher will be moving from preschool to Kindergarten and Mrs. DeVilder will be moving from Kindergarten to 2nd grade. Mrs. Settje will be moving into the Interventionist position as Carol Korth will be retiring at the end of the school year. Our other new hire is Kelli Berryman. She will be joining our Special Education teaching staff. Kelli comes to us from Norfolk Public Schools where she has over 25 years of experience working with students with a variety of needs. We look forward to having Natalie and Kelli join our Bulldog Family!

As we continue with the cold months, sickness continues to make its way through our building. If you student is home ill and you take them to the doctor, please make sure a note is provided that can be brought to school or one is faxed. This helps keep our attendance records up-to-date.

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 January. GO BULLDOGS!

Mr. King

Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Just a reminder that
Parent/Teacher
Conferences will be
held on Monday,
February 10, 2025.



THE BULLDOG

NEWS FROM THE JH/HS PRINCIPAL

February 2025

What a difference a year makes! Last year we had about two weeks of snow days in the month of January and then this year we had borderline spring like weather. Well, hopefully mother nature does not make us pay for it. However, before February gets away from us, I did want to go over a few things.

- Srs, remember that your FASFA will need to be filled out this semester for your first year in college. This is a requirement now. Please see Ms. O for questions and issues with this process.
- Reminder that 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 Wednesdays I will send out a Lunch Balance warning to parents. We are trying to work with PowerSchool so that you may see your student's balance at any time. This task has been a lot harder on PowerSchool's side then we had anticipated, but know we are working on it.
- Jrs, start looking into our Diversified Occupation program if you are interested for your Sr year. I would start this process now and not wait until this summer. Positions may fill-up quick around town and paper work also needs to be completed.
- Winter sports and activities are in full swing, but a few will be ending here in the next few weeks. Keep an eye on the schedule!
- Jr High students who have two Ds or one F on Mondays will report to Mr. Friesen's room during lunch to work on any missing or late work. These students will pick-up their lunch then report to Mr. Friesen's room.

Thank you
Mr. Kirby



February

Elementary News

From the Desk of Mr. Rathje:

Welcome to February! I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. It is hard to believe that our elementary students celebrated the 100th day of school on January 28th. The lower elementary grades were able to do a variety of 100th day activities to represent our 100th day of school.

I would like to remind all parents that Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, February 10th. Sign-up sheets were sent home with students in January. I highly encourage you to attend and discuss your students' progress with their teacher. Conferences will run from 1:45pm - 8:00pm. If you are not able to attend, please reach out to your students' teacher and schedule another time to meet. Our teachers enjoy getting the chance to meet with you in person to discuss the great things your student is learning.

Please remember to send your child to school with a warm jacket, hat, and gloves. You may also send them with snow gear should we get some snow this year. We are having recess outside as much as possible but we want to ensure students are able to stay warm while they enjoy the fresh air.

Each year the elementary classes celebrate Valentine's Day within their classrooms. Be on the lookout for information from your students' teacher regarding any planned activities. I also wanted to highlight a fundraiser the JH/HS is putting on. The Humphrey FFA chapter is selling Valentine's Day flowers. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please contact the school office.

In closing, HAPPY FEBRUARY! It is an exciting time of year for the students as they are showing growth in their educational accomplishments. We will continue to strive to be our Bulldog BEST everyday! If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Educationally yours,

Mr. Rathje



Greetings from the Counselor,

I hope everyone has had a safe winter and continues to push through to spring. Remember, students, that if any time during the long winter months you are not feeling like yourself and need someone to talk to about anything, I am here to chat. Parents, if you notice your child has been down lately, please don't hesitate to reach out. Sometimes one conversation can make all of the difference.

Elementary Guidance: The past month we have got back into the swing of school. There has been quite a bit of illness going around, so please help encourage healthy practices. We continue to talk about ways to keep our bodies healthy. We have been discussing self-concept frequently, and the importance of eating healthy and exercising to improve our self-concept. Further, being kind and thinking kind thoughts result in more positive thinking about ourselves. In the future, we will continue to work on social skills, coping skills, avoiding peer pressure, college/career readiness, and how to be better students and people.

Junior High:

1. Remember that your grades matter, effort matters, and how you act within a classroom matters. The teachers you have now, will likely be a part of your lives for some time. You may even rely on one of them for a recommendation at some point in time.
2. Continue to talk with your parents at home about future career plans.
3. Many of you have been involved in extra curricular activities during the fall and winter, which is awesome. February has limited school-related activities or events for junior high. Continue to stay active so that it is easier to remain healthy. Remember, it is good to be involved and support others who are involved in activities. Let me know if you need help with anything.

Freshmen and Sophomores:

1. Understand that your grades matter now. I know that I mention it all the time, but it is important. If you have hopes to be Valedictorian or Salutatorian of your class, which I hope many of you do, the grades you make now will determine that just as much as your junior and senior year.
2. Colleges and employers also ask for Cumulative GPAs, which means your GPA for your entire high school career. This can be the difference in getting accepted into a college versus not. It can also be the difference in thousands of dollars offered through scholarships. Many colleges, specifically Peru State, UNL, UNO, UNK, Northeast, and CCC, are using high school GPA as the largest indicator for

scholarships as it is the best indicator for success in college. Parents sometimes receive discounts on insurance for high GPA. Students hoping to enter the work force also need a high GPA and good attendance as companies oftentimes ask for that. GPA is THAT important. Work hard at it. All of you have the potential to earn many high grades, which in turn paves the way for future success.

3. Continue to stay involved with extra curricular activities. It's been a great year, and I hope this pattern continues as you all put time, effort, and hard work into all that you do.

Juniors:

1. The ACT is getting near. During Careers, we will focus on test preparation for the big day. www.ontocollege.com is always a resource for prep that exceeds what we do in class.
2. As with the younger classmen, make sure you are diligently trying on your coursework and staying involved when possible. It truly helps create well-rounded young adults.
3. I also encourage you all to continue to visit colleges. The best way to know if a fit is right for you is to see it first-hand. Before visiting the college, make sure that it would have the degree for the career you are hoping to have. While on campus, make sure you are attending with questions and take advantage of what the tour guides have to share with you. If you need help getting set up with one, please let me know.
4. Scheduling a job shadow is also a great activity to do while you are still in high school. I have almost all of you in Careers and it is a requirement, so the sooner you can get it done, the less stress you'll have. If there is anything else I can help you with, I am happy to help.

Seniors:

1. Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible!
2. As an FYI, you all have until May 1st to accept scholarships given directly from a University. This is set forth by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, which means that colleges will not be lenient. May 1st is the absolute last day to accept them.
3. These scholarships are different than the scholarships that I will share with you. As I receive notice of scholarships, I will send them to each of you through email. Each scholarship will have its own deadline. Pay close attention to those dates so that you do not miss submitting them. Remember that ScholarshipQuest, EducationQuest, FastWeb and College Board are all good resources for you as you continue searching for and filling out scholarships. If you have issues with scholarships or need someone to look over final drafts, please let me know. I am here to help in whatever way possible.

As always, please see me if there is anything that I can help with. I am available in person, by phone, or by email. Stay warm and stay safe.

Miss Oelsligle
PK-12 School Counselor
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Title Reading/Math

Happy Valentine's Day from the Title Room!

The title reading and math classes have been working on a variety of things so far this year. In reading, the Kindergarten through 2nd graders have been working on Sound Partners.

We talk about and practice what sounds the letters make and read words with those sounds in them. We also practice writing the words. In the 3rd – 6th grades, we have been working on different reading skills like main idea, summaries, fact/non-fact, sequencing, figurative language, and cause and effect. One day a week, we all focus on working on improving our fluency and retell scores when we read orally. We call it "Fluency Fridays". We read for one minute then we retell for one minute. We then record how many words we read in the minute and how many errors we had. We record them on a graph that we can look back on each week to see our progress.

Math title students, depending on their grade level, have been working on adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. We use whole numbers, fractions, decimal numbers, and integers. We also spend some time on geometry!

Whatever the day, you can be sure that we are putting our "whole heart" into everything we do!

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!


Mrs. Niemann

Title 1 Reading/Math Teacher

HUMPHREY PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>Activities are subject to change due to unforeseen scheduling conflicts, etc. Please watch the daily bulletin for the most up to date information. Check out the website & watch for the most up to date information at www.humphreybulldogs.org</p> 						<p>1 *JH B BB @ Riverside Tournament *Speech Team Bonding *HS B BB ECH First Round @ HHS</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3 *Quiz Bowl BB vs Norfolk Public @ HHS *HS G BB EHC Second Round @ Pender</p>	<p>4 *JH B *Bowling District @ Columbus Westbrook Lanes *HS B BB EHC Second Round @ West Point</p>	<p>5 *FFA State Degree Interviews</p>	<p>6 *HS G BB EHC Semi-Finals and Consolation @ TBD</p>	<p>7 *3rd Grade Field Trip to Aurora *HS B BB EHC Semi-Finals and Consolation @ TBD</p>	<p>8 *Speech @ SRC *Robotics @ NE Christian *HS G/B EHC Finals @ Pender</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10 NO SCHOOL For Students Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:45-8:00pm *FCCLA Week *State Bowling @ Lincoln *EHC Honor Band *School Board Meeting</p>	<p>11 *FCCLA Week *State Bowling @ Lincoln</p>	<p>12 *FCCLA Week *Banking In School *FFA Meeting</p> 	<p>13 *FCCLA Week *HS G/B BB @ Genoa</p>	<p>14 NO SCHOOL For Staff & Students  *FCCLA Week BB vs Elgin @ HHS</p>	<p>15 *Speech @ HHS *Robotics @ Norfolk JH</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 *FFA Week *HS G BB Sub-Districts @ TBD</p>	<p>18 *FFA Week *HS G BB Sub-Districts @ TBD</p>	<p>19 *FFA Week *Ag Olympics</p>	<p>20 *FFA Week *HS G BB Sub-Districts @ TBD</p>	<p>21 *FFA Week *Speech @ Schuyler *JH B BB @ Plainview *HS B BB @ Plainview</p>	<p>22 *Speech @ Wisner *Robotics @ Omaha North</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 *HS B BB Sub-Districts @ TBD</p>	<p>25 *HS B BB Sub-Districts @ TBD</p>	<p>26 *Banking in School *EHC Speech @ Clarkson *Scholastic Contest *Teacher In-Service</p> <p>1:00pm Dismissal for Students</p>	<p>27 *HS B BB Sub-Districts @ TBD</p>	<p>28 *HS G BB District Finals @ TBD</p>	

Humphrey Public School



MON

TUES

WED

THURS

FRI



Menus subject to change.

Choice of hot breakfast sandwich, cold cereal, milk, water and juice offered daily for breakfast. Choice of cold sandwich, milk, and water offered daily for lunch. Lunch alternate must be requested by 9:00 am. USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer

<p>3 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chinese over Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>4 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Hamburger or Pizza Pocket Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>5 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Spaghetti w/Sauce Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Garlic Stick</p>	<p>6 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Soup/Chili Cinnamon Roll Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>7 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Fiestada Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>
<p>10 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>11 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>12 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Goulash Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>13 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Popcorn Chicken Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>14 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>17 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Fajita over Rice Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>18 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Meatball Subs Cinnamon Rolls Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>19 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Flying Saucers Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>20 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ McRib on a Bun/Cheesy Pull a Parts Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>21 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Pizza Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>
<p>24 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ BBQ Chicken Legs Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>25 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Nachos & Trimmings Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>	<p>26 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>27 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Beef N Noodles Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar Bun</p>	<p>28 Hot Sandwich/Cold Cereal ~~~~~ Sloppy Joes Vegetable Fruit/Salad Bar</p>