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Hemingford Public Schools

2016-2017 LadyCat Seniors

March 2017

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THANK
YOU FOR 4
GREAT
YEARS!!



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Student Honor

Mrs. Smaha is pleased and proud to announce:



A HUGE congratulations is in order for

Dylan Wickham, Grade 9, of Hemingford High School for his recognition by the 2017 **National** Scholastic Art & Writing Competition!

Dylan has been awarded an Honorable Mention in the category of Personal

Essay/Memoir for his submission entitled "Captain Crutch."

You're a published writer, Dylan! Thank you for stepping up to this competition~write on!!

Foster's Facts

pfoster@hemingfordschools.org



Already—Yes! Set those clocks ahead on March 12th. Daylight-Savings time is upon us. Until everyone's internal clock adjusts, please work with your son or daughter in getting them up and moving to be at school on time. Being on time is a skill that needs to be developed. School is the primary "job" for students and should be treated as such. The season for shorts also begins again at this time. Please help us with the length of shorts that girl's wear. They should rest at mid-thigh is a good visual ruler for you. As a reminder—if leggings are worn the shirt must be long enough to cover the butt.

Spring Writing – All students will write during 2nd period. These writings will be scored during Teacher Assessment day on March 24th.

NeSA State Testing –This year April is the primary month for state testing. Testing will be for students in grades 7 and 8 in reading, math and science. The dates will be noted on the school calendar. Due to the importance of these tests for our school, the students will have a testing schedule. Students should not schedule appointments during these times. Grade 11 students will be taking the ACT test on April 19 (mandatory test date) in lieu of the NeSA tests. The window for testing begins on March 30 and ends on May 5.

ACT Test Preparation—The school is using the John Baylor Test Prep material which has data that provides evidence that this program is successful in raising test scores. All juniors will go through the sessions during the school day. This will be beneficial as a review for the state test. This will be free for students and the students will have the option to send the NE State ACT scores to colleges.

Semester Course Credit—Progress Reports provided an update on current grades. To earn credit for a class Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 grades are averaged and must be over

70%. Students not earning this will be required to retake the class the following year. Please call if you have any questions or would like help checking on grade status.

Please help support your child and school by letting them know how important it is to give their best effort on these tests.

Parent-Teacher Conference



Collaborating for Success

Parent/Teacher Conferences—End of 3rd Quarter is March 15

Please plan to spend some time at the high school on **Thursday, March 23** for parent/teacher conferences. Conferences run from 2:00 – 8:00 pm. At that time you may pick up your son or daughters report card as well as discuss with teacher the strengths/concerns of your child. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss concerns or ask questions. Feel free to bring your son/daughter to conferences with you. It is useful for them to hear the good as well as how they could do better. Remember conferences are for all the students in grades 7-12.

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Capital Forum and County Government Day

Mr. Chatelain and five students will be attending the Capital Forum on March 27 and 28 in Lincoln. During this time students attend mini-sessions where they discuss and deliberate over issues that have been raised in the forum. (Some of the issues, I believe are those currently being discussed in the legislative session.) County Government is scheduled for Monday, March 20.



School Activities

During the month of March, athletic competitions as well as fine arts and academic competitions continue. Band clinics, instrumental music, quiz bowl teams are all part of the March activities.

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| March 1—ESU Regional Science Fair | March 22—WTC Quiz Bowl at Hemingford |
| March 7—WTC Instrumental Music (Host) | March 27—PHC Music @ Morrill |
| March 14—District Speech | March 24, 25, 26—Spring Play |
| March 15—Quiz Bowl at Bayard | March 28—Spring Activity Pictures |
| March 17—PHC Quiz Bowl @ Sioux Cty | April 7—Scholastic Day @ CSC |



April Event: Prom Eligibility

The juniors are in planning stages for the 2017 Prom (April 29). This is a reminder to parents that students must meet the academic eligibility to attend. Numerous announcements will be made to the students so that they are fully aware of the time frame also. For students to be eligible to attend prom, they must be eligible for the period beginning Wednesday, April 26 through Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

Absent or Truant? Thank you for making the calls as early as possible.

When it is necessary for a student to be absent for a non-school related activity, the parent or guardian is asked to call the school prior to 8:45 am. You can leave a message on the school answering machine early in the morning if that works best for you. This is to ensure safety and accountability for your child. Also if you would like an assignment sheet for your son/daughter, it needs to be requested when you call in. Normally when your child is ill enough to be at home, it may be more beneficial for them that they sleep during the day and plan on staying for SST the next day to work on missed assignments.



Also, attendance is a direct correlation for student success. Please try to schedule necessary appointments during breaks or when little time from school can be missed. Your help in keeping students in school as long as possible is much appreciated.



Supervised Study Time (SST)

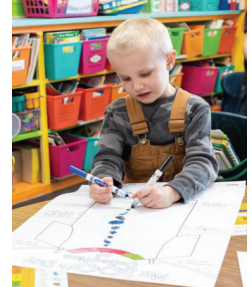
It happens from 3:30-4:00 Monday-Thursday. Looking for students that need time to make up work from being absent, use computers, finish projects, ask questions, or finish homework; all ways that can raise a student grade and understand material presented. All students are welcome to use this time. SST also helps to keep students eligible by receiving the one-to one assistance that may be needed to understand a concept or complete some unfinished work.

Mr. Arneson-Elementary Principal

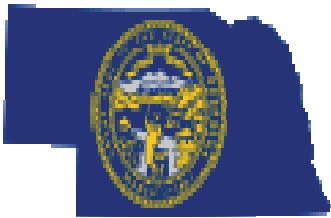
It's been an exciting month at Hemingford Elementary School. At the beginning of the



month we celebrated the 100th day of school. This year has been flying by! The students celebrated by decorating pictures of them at age 100, they did 100 physical activities and practiced counting to 100.



March starts off with a birthday bash! Nebraska is 150 years old on March 1st. The elemen-



tary school is planning different Nebraska activities to help celebrate this wonderful birthday. Look for a full recap in next month's newsletter.

Daylight Savings time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Students will be able to wear shorts starting Monday, March 13th.



Second semester conferences are rapidly approaching. Please be on the lookout for correspondence from the school about signing up to meet with your child's teacher. This is a great time to hear about how well your child is doing and how to finish the year strong!



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Seniors – Stay on track for graduation by completing these second-semester tasks: watch your grades, make your decision about your life after high school, make sure all requirements for that decision are met, and pay attention to any and all deadlines that need to be met.

Juniors – Juniors need to attend the different college representatives meetings that are being held in the counselor's office. Come and get an idea of what the college is like. I will be conferencing with all juniors to talk about their plans for the future and to make sure that they meet the requirements of the college of their choice.

Sophomores – I will be conferencing with all sophomores to explain their high school transcript and we will be looking at class selections for the career of their choice.

The next registration date for the ACT is March 3. The test date is April 8.
Go to ACT.org to register. (This is a good test for the juniors to take)

I will be working with the K, 1st and 2nd graders during the month of March. We will be working on identifying our feelings.

How many parents battle with their child over homework? What if there is a way to work on this problem? Would you be interested in finding out more? If you are interested, call me at 308-487-3328.

Give love and unconditional acceptance to those you encounter and notice what happens. – Wayne Dyer

Oregon Trails Honor Band

The following Hemingford High School music students were selected as members of the 2017 Oregon Trails Honor Band - Carli Cullan, Natalie Gasseling, Emily Hansen, Joe Mazanec, Mercedes Mazanec, and Taylee Neefe!

They spent the day working with other outstanding band students from the panhandle preparing for the Concert that evening at Gering High School.
GREAT JOB HHS MUSICIANS !



Hemingford High School After Prom Party 2017



We are preparing for our chemical free after prom party for 2017! It begins 30 minutes after prom and ends at 3:30 a.m. It has been a great success each year and is open to HHS students' grades 10-12 and their dates.

We do our best to provide them with fun activities, yummy food, great prizes and entertainment. **None of this would be possible without the support we receive from our community!** We have many parents and community members who volunteer their time planning, setting up, sponsoring the night, tearing down, and cleaning up. There are many generous businesses and individuals who donate! In the past we have been able to give away cash prizes, TVs, cameras, luggage, gift cards, t-shirts, blankets and many other great prizes!

This year we are asking you to consider making a donation to this event. Prom will be held on Saturday April 29, 2017. You may donate items or make a monetary donation! We would like to have all donations by Friday March 17, 2017 to give us ample time to get the remainder of the prizes purchased and organized. If you would like someone to stop by and pick up your donation, please call either of the numbers below. If you will be making a monetary donation, we ask that you mail it to the Hemingford Community Federal Credit Union at PO BOX 991 Hemingford, NE 69348. Checks can be made to Hemingford Post Prom.

THANK YOU for making this event possible for our students!!


HHS 2017 After Prom Committee

Amy Ragsdale
308-760-2722

Valery Bell
308-760-1405



**THE
PIRATE
SHOW**



**By: MARK
LONDON SMITH**

Swashbuckling pirates, sea battles, buried treasure and a pygmy or two make up the high seas adventure of **The Pirate Show! ARG!** Set in late 19th century London. This family oriented comedy is great fun for all!

**Hemingford High
School proudly
present's
our ...
Dinner Theater!**

**Friday
March 24**

**Saturday
March 25**

**Sunday
March 26**

**Tickets will be
available at the
Hemingford Credit
Union
487-5578**

**Please join us for
great food and
wonderful
entertainment!**

**Any questions contact:
Tabi Bryner
308-760-1120**



Hemingford Public Schools



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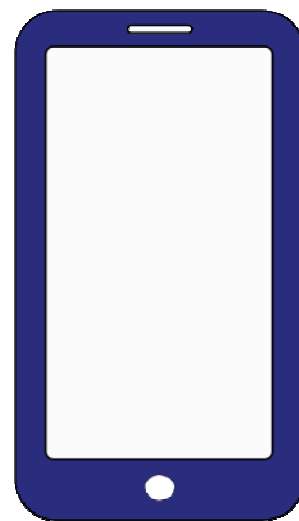


School Way

In an effort to improve the efficiency of school communications to parents and students, Hemingford Schools is phasing into using School Way powered by Jostens. School Way is a free app that is downloaded to a mobile device that will receive alerts sent out by the school. Phone calls will still be made through School Messenger until the end of the school year in conjunction with the use of School Way. The communication will occur through School Way in the 2017-2018 school year and phone calls will no longer be made. As always, you can receive school alerts through the school Facebook page, website, and local radio stations.

Please see the attached flyer to begin using School Way today! If you have questions about how to set up call Mrs. Wood or Mr. Arneson (308) 487-3330.

School Way



2017 Piano Class Interest Survey

Hemingford Public Schools would like to offer one or more Group Beginning Piano Classes during the 2017 Summer School Sessions. In order to do so, we need your assistance in the planning stages to help make this possibility a reality. Please read the brief class description, indicate your student's interest in taking the class by filling out the survey on the back of this page, and return to the Elementary School Office by Friday, March 31, 2017.



What? The Group Piano Class would be an introduction of how to play piano and read piano music.

Who? Students of Hemingford Public Schools would be invited to attend the Group Piano Class.

When? The class would meet once per day during the 2017 Summer School Sessions. Results of this Survey will be included in the May 2017 School Newsletter.

Where? The Class would take place at Hemingford Public Schools.

Cost? For students attending Hemingford Public Schools, there would be no charge for this class. The teacher may provide suggestions for purchasing supplemental materials but they would not be required. Students would not need to have a piano or electric keyboard at home to participate.

Questions? If you have any questions or comments regarding this potential class offering, please indicate your question on the survey or contact Sarah Arneson at musicstudioarneson@gmail.com

2017 Piano Class Interest Survey

Please send the Completed Information to the Elementary School Office by Friday, March 31, 2017.

| | |
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| Parent/Guardian Name | |
| Parent/Guardian Name | |
| Email Address | |
| Email Address | |
| Home Phone Number | |
| Cell Phone Number | |
| Cell Phone Number | |

| Interested Student(s) Names | Current Age | Current Grade Level |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 1) | | |
| 2) | | |
| 3) | | |
| 4) | | |
| 5) | | |
| 6) | | |

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|---|--|
| Have you ever taken piano lessons before? If so, with whom? | |
| Do you have a piano or electric keyboard at home? If so, what type? Does it have 88 keys? | |
| Do you play any other instruments? If so, what instrument? How long have you played? Did you take formal lessons? | |
| Do you have any questions or comments regarding this potential class offering? | |

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COMMUNICATION SOURCES

HEMINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our mission at Hemingford Public Schools is to cooperatively work with the community to provide our youth a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. Our school district and staff are committed to provide and promote opportunities for high academic achievement, capitalizing on student career interests and aptitudes, with a purpose to encourage student involvement and accomplishments in order to prepare accountable, responsible, self-disciplined, successful citizens in an ever-changing, global society.

Casper Ningen, Superintendent
Mrs. Peggy Foster, High School Principal
Mr. Eric Arneson, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Mandy Plog, Special Education Director

PO Box 217
911 Niobrara Avenue
Hemingford NE 69348

Phone: 308-487-3328 High School
Phone: 308-487-3330 Elementary
Phone: 308-487-5252 Distance Learning
Fax: 308-487-5215



In an effort to maintain all possible communication links, Hemingford Public Schools will offer numerous ways for parents, students, community members and all other interested citizens to stay abreast of happenings at the schools. Some ways to communicate are: Hemingford Public Schools Website

<http://www.hemingfordschools.org>

Hemingford Ledger - Important information is posted in the Briefs. Sports info and other needed school info can be found here as well.

Monthly newsletter - Mailed to every patron in the district each month. Also can be found on the webpage.

Notices sent home with students
Information sent home with reports cards.

Phone calls to students' homes when necessary.

PowerSchool for attendance, grades and other notes to students and parents found on the Hemingford Schools webpage.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Superintendent of schools is authorized by the Board of Education to close public schools in case of severe weather. The Superintendent's will notify local news media when inclement weather warrants such action. The **information is broadcast regularly by radio stations, (KCOW AM 1400, KQ 106 & 97.5 FM, KMOR 92.9 FM), our web site (www.hemingfordschools.org), and Mobius web site (www.bbc.net).**

SCHOOL MESSENGER

If you have not been contacted by "School Messenger" our web based calling system to alert parents of school cancellations, late starts or any other events, please contact the school. You may have changed phone numbers, or disconnected numbers the school is unaware of. Also, if you don't want to be contacted please notify us so we can take you off of the calling list. Please call the school of any changes at 487-3330.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Hemingford Public School District #10 will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities

Web-Email Lunch Account System

Access your current account information online-at www.hemingford schools.org and click the button on the right labeled "What's for Lunch".



Hemingford Public Schools Breakfast Menu

March 2017

Milk is served with all meals. Alternative: Either hot or cold cereal offered everyday.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | 1 Waffles Yogurt Cup Fruit/Juice | 2 Scrambled Eggs Muffins Fruit/Juice | 3 Breakfast Casserole Fruit/Juice |
| 6 French Toast Sausage Pattie Fruit/Juice | 7 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit/Juice | 8 Breakfast Pizza Fruit/Juice | 9 PB Jelly Sandwich Fruit/Juice | 10 Sausage Gravy & Biscuit Fruit/Juice |
| 13 Pancakes Sausage Links Fruit/Juice | 14 Breakfast Burrito Fruit/Juice | 15 Waffles Yogurt Cup Fruit/Juice | 16 Scrambled Eggs Muffins Fruit/Juice | 17 Breakfast Casserole Fruit/Juice |
| 20 French Toast Sausage Pattie Fruit/Juice | 21 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit/Juice | 22 Breakfast Pizza Fruit/Juice | 23 PB Jelly Sandwich Fruit/Juice | 24  |
| 27 Pancakes Sausage Links Fruit/Juice | 28 Breakfast Sandwich Fruit/Juice | 29 Waffles Yogurt Cup Fruit/Juice | 30 Scrambled Eggs Muffins Fruit/Juice | 31 Breakfast Casserole Fruit/Juice |

Menus are subject to change

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

The Hemingford Public School provides lunches in accordance with the National School Lunch Program.

The cost of a breakfast is as follows: PreK-12 - \$1.55 Adult Breakfast - \$2.05

The cost of a lunch is as follows: PreK - 6 Lunch - \$2.05 7 - 12 Lunch - \$2.10 Adult Lunch - \$3.15



Hemingford Public Schools Lunch Menu

March 2017

Milk is served with all meals. Fruit/Vegetable Bar offered daily.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | 1 Hot Ham & Cheese Corn | 2 Lasagna Breadstick Peas | 3 Tuna Tetrazzini Dinner Roll Carrots Banana Bar |
| 6 Cabbage Burgers Corn Pink Apple Pie  150th | 7 Ham/Scalloped Potatoes Dinner Roll Green Beans | 8 Bacon Cheeseburgers Sweet Potato Fries | 9 Parmesan Chicken Cheesy Broccoli Rice | 10 Fish Tacos Refried Beans Cookie |
| 13 Meat Loaf Baked Potato Carrots | 14 Chicken Bowls Dinner Roll | 15 Ham & Cheese Sub Cheesy Hashbrowns | 16 Mandarin Chicken Dinner Roll Green Beans | 17 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Leprechaun Bars |
| 20 Spaghetti & Meatballs Breadstick Peas | 21 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll | 22 Ready Rib Sandwich Baked Beans | 23 Chicken Pot Pie Biscuit | 24  |
| 27 Cowboy Beans Breadstick | 28 Salisbury Steak Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes | 29 Chicken Sandwich Mexican Corn | 30 Bobcat Taco Rice | 31 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Roll Green Beans Cookie |

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Calendar Events March 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| | | | 1 Red Day ESU #13 Science Fair FFA AgED @ Kimball | 2 White Day Girls State Basketball 8:30am NAEP Testing for Gr 8 | 3 Red Day Girls State Basketball HAL Activity in Planning Stages | 4 Girls State Basketball Speech at Mitchell Invite 7:00am Jr Wrestling Club Invite @ Hemingford HS |
| 5 | 6 White Day Elementary School Celebration of Nebraska's 150th Birthday | 7 Red Day WTC Instrumental Music at Hemingford | 8 White Day Booster Club Meeting in HS Library 9:15am Spring Writing 7-12 (2nd Period) 2:30pm FCCLA Big Brother/Sister | 9 Red Day Boys State Basketball | 10 White Day Boys State Basketball HAL Activity in Planning Stages | 11 Boys State Basketball PHC Speech in Hemingford |
| 12 | 13 Red Day 7:00pm School Board Meeting | 14 White Day District Speech at North Platte | 15 Red Day Quarter 3 Ends 8:30am HS Quiz Bowl at Bayard | 16 White Day Quarter 4 Begins PHC Musicat Morrill (changed to 3-27) | 17 Red Day PHC Quiz Bowl at Sioux County | 18 Track at CSC Indoor Meet |
| 19 | 20 White Day State NeSA testing window begins 9:00am County Government Day | 21 Red Day 6:30pm FFA Meeting | 22 White Day WTC Quiz Bowl at Hemingford | 23 Red Day 1:00 P.M. Dismissal P/T Conferences 2 - 8 P.M. State Speech in Kearney 8:20am Spring Pictures (moved to 3-28) | 24 No School -- Assessment Day Spring Play (The Pirate Show--Comedy) | 25 Track at Kimball Invitational Spring Play (The Pirate Show--Comedy) |
| 26 Spring Play (The Pirate Show--Comedy) | 27 White Day PHC Musicat Morrill (Reschedule Date) Capital Forum in Lincoln | 28 Red Day 8:20am Spring Pictures | 29 White Day | 30 Red Day | 31 White Day FFA RMO Feed and Labor Auction | |

Calendar Events April 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| | | | | | | 1 Track at Bayard C-D Invitational |
| 2 State FCCLA at Lincoln | 3 Red Day State FCCLA at Lincoln 6:30pm FFA Meeting | 4 White Day State FCCLA at Lincoln JH Track at Bayard Invitational Golf at Bayard Invitational | 5 Red Day FFA State @ Lincoln | 6 White Day Track at Mitchell Invite FFA State @ Lincoln | 7 Red Day CSC Scholastic Day FFA State @ Lincoln | 8 JH Track at Chadron Invitational 8:00am ACT Test Date |
| 9 | 10 White Day 7:00pm School Board Meeting | 11 Red Day | 12 White Day Progress Reports for Seniors Mailed Booster Club Meeting in HS Library | 13 No School -- Spring Break/Easter Break WTC Track at Mitchell Golf at Bridgeport Invitational | 14 No School -- Spring Break/Easter Break | 15 |
| 16 | 17 No School -- Spring Break/Easter Break | 18 Red Day Golf at Morrill Invitational District Music in Alliance | 19 White Day NE Mandatory ACT Test Date for Juniors 5:30pm NHS Induction | 20 Red Day JH Track at Kimball Invitational State Science Far @ Lincoln | 21 White Day Track at Chadron Twilight Invitational | 22 Golf at Alliance Invitational |
| 23 | 24 Red Day | 25 White Day Track at Best of the West in Scottsbluff | 26 Red Day Progress Reports Sent Home 2:30pm FCCLA Big Brother/Sister | 27 White Day Golf at Chadron Invitational Middle School Annual Bingo Night | 28 Red Day PHC Track at Morrill PHC JH Track at Morrill | 29 WTC Golf at Mitchell PROM |
| 30 | | | | | | |