



Bobcat Bits

Hemingford Public Schools



2024 Graduation

Class Motto

“Not all those who wander are lost.”

-J.R.R. Tolkien

Class Colors

Black & Red

Class Flower

Gerber Daisy

Class Song

“Those Days”

By Nickelback



Graduation—May 11th 2:00 P.M.

Hemingford Public Schools Gym

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Congratulations



From the Superintendent's Standpoint

Bobcat Bits

May 2024

By Dr. Travis Miller

Congratulations to our students and teachers on much learning and accomplishment this year!

Congratulations to our seniors and their parents on their upcoming graduation. It is rewarding to see the seniors prepare for the next stages of their lives. I am proud of their many accomplishments and wish them the very best in their future endeavors! While we don't have a final tally yet, the Hemingford High School Seniors have been offered more than \$679,290 in scholarships to continue their post-secondary education! Well done!

The 2023-2024 school year has been characterized by abundant student success. Here are just a few examples of how the Bobcat students have excelled this year:

The girls' cross country team repeated as state champions, with Dakora Horstman bringing home an individual medal. The boys again qualified for state cross country as a team. Our scholastics team brought home 3rd place honors at the Chadron State College scholastics contest, with Aiden Benda and Drew Varner both earning 1st place honors. On the gridiron, our football team qualified for the state playoffs. Four wrestlers qualified for the state wrestling championships, with Theron Miller bringing home a medal. Our FFA and FCCLA programs sent multiple entries to the state competition, with Nathan Randolph qualifying for Nationals in the culinary division of FCCLA. The Bobcat Quiz Bowl team qualified for the state tournament for the first time this year. We had two students earn spots on the Class C All-State Band. Our Esports team was represented at the state tournament recently, with Jacob Gardner, Dyson Fritzler, and Wyatt Planansky bringing home 5th-place honors. Science Olympiad had several students qualify for competition at the state level. Track and Golf seasons remain in full swing, with much potential for additional representation at the state level. I am sure there are other major accomplishments by our students that I have inadvertently omitted.

Success in these endeavors is no accident. The students who earn these opportunities and honors put in a lot of work in the classroom and practice. They work hard during the season and also in the summer and the off-season. They listen and respond to the coaching/instruction they receive, and they persist, especially when things get challenging. I am proud of all of our Bobcat students, their teachers, their coaches, and their families.

For our students involved in extracurricular activities, summer is especially important. Championships are typically built in the summer and the weight room. If we are going to continue to take our sports programs to higher levels of performance, we are going to have to continue to become stronger, faster, and more agile. Being able to physically outperform the competition at each position is of critical importance if we want to become a dominating force in sports. The weight room will be open to our students several times each week. Most of our sports teams will also have opportunities over the summer to work on skill development. I highly recommend our scholar-athletes continue to develop a culture of showing up and working hard, even when it is not required. *Especially when it is not required.* For students involved in the fine arts, summer practice and exploration can be the difference between being good and being great as a performer.

Success in the classroom is often tied closely to reading. As we move toward summer, I would encourage families to work with their students to have a plan for continued reading/learning over the summer. The Hemingford Public Library will be operating a Summer Reading Program on June 12th, 19th, and 26th from 1:00 - 3:00. "Adventures Begin at Your Library" is the theme. As part of the theme, the library will be presenting three countries: Mexico, Panama, and South Korea. I anticipate the summer reading program to be an enjoyable experience for students. The library is also having a book sale May 21st through June 1st.

Students, finish this year strong, have an epic summer, and get ready to make 2024-2025 an amazing year! I believe in your ability to accomplish some amazing feats in the classroom, in the community, and in competition.

As always, if you have any ideas about how we can work together to advance the work of our school district, please call, email, or make an appointment to stop by the district office. I would appreciate the opportunity to communicate and engage with you.





Mr. Arneson-Elementary Principal

I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for such a wonderful school year. Your support and involvement have truly made a difference in the lives of our students. It has been a joy to work with each and every one of you, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of your child's educational journey. Thank you again for your commitment to our school community, and I look forward to another fantastic year in the fall.

Our 3rd through 8th-grade students finished up their NSCAS testing this last week. We should receive results either this summer or early next school year. Once we receive the documents from the Nebraska Department of Education, we'll send those home.

The K-12 Vocal music program will be Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

On May 15th, the 3rd through 6th grade students will be participating in their annual track meet day. It'll take place on the football field starting at about 8:30.

May 16th at 6:30 will be the Preschool Graduation in the big gym.

Our last day of school will be Tuesday, May 21st. We will be dismissing at 11:30 that day.





Hemingford High School

Notes, News, and Updates

Senior Spotlight

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024! As they complete their high school journey, I want to take a moment to spotlight our 23 remarkable seniors. These students have worked tirelessly to achieve their academic and personal goals, and I am proud of all they have accomplished. They have excelled in sports, music, theater, and other extracurricular activities, while also maintaining excellent grades. They have demonstrated leadership skills and a commitment to making a difference in our community. I am excited to see what the future holds for these exceptional graduates and I wish them all the best as they embark on their next adventure.



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Upcoming Events

- May 1st: Farm Safety Day and Baseline Concussion Testing
- May 7th: HHS Athletic Banquet @ 6:30 pm Multipurpose Hall
- May 7th: Seniors' Last Day
- May 8th: Walk to School Day and Sports Physicals @ HHS for current 7th-11th Graders

All 7-12 students planning to play sports in the 2024-2025 school year will need a physical.



- May 10th: Honors Day @ 9:00 am Big Gym
- May 11th: Graduation @ 2:00 pm Big Gym
- May 21st: Students' Last Day - End of 4th Quarter 11:30 am dismissal
- May 25th: HHS Alumni Banquet
- June 3rd-7th & June 10th-14th: HHS Summer School @ South Campus

From the Desk of the Principal

As we approach the end of the year, it's a perfect time to reflect on the many achievements and milestones of our students. Here are some highlights of our accomplishments:

- Student engagement is at an all-time high, with 176 rostered members participating in various sports and activities, many involved in multiple groups as our student enrollment is 161.
- We earned a spot at State competitions in FFA, FCCLA, Science Olympiad, and eSports. Our eSports team secured 5th place in Fortnite.
- Academically, students devoted numerous hours to their studies, resulting in impressive outcomes.
- Events like the Dinner Theater and the PANCO district music contest showcased our students' talents in performing arts and music.
- Our sports teams achieved notable success, with many individuals and teams receiving accolades and making their mark on the leaderboards.
- Through challenges and encouragement, our students have set a high standard of excellence, inspiring future generations.

This year has been marked by substantial growth and success for our school community. We take pride in our students' achievements and eagerly anticipate supporting their ongoing progress and accomplishments in the years ahead.



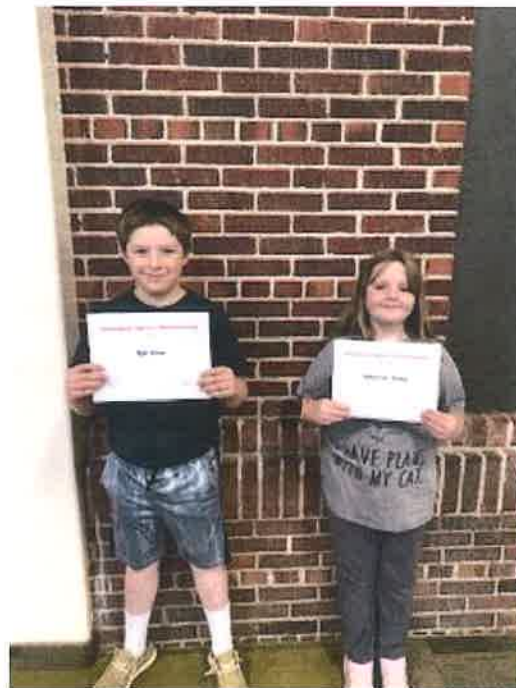
ELEMENTARY PE NEWS

During the month of April, students worked on hockey and wiffle ball skills. With hockey they learned about passing, defense, goalie, and scoring. With wiffle ball, they worked on catching, throwing, and batting. Students are transitioning into the last month of school, working on skills and activities for the upcoming elementary track meet and elementary field day.

On Wednesday, May 15, students in grades 3-6 will be participating in the Elementary Track Meet during the school day. Students will have an opportunity to show off their skills in a throwing event, jumping event, kicking event and 2 running events. The Elementary Track Meet will occur at the Bobcat Football Field and around the track. Parents are welcome to come watch. The track meet is scheduled to start around 9:00am.

On Tuesday, May 21, the elementary students will be participating in Field Day. There are several activities that students will have an opportunity to participate in with their teammates. Students in grades K-5 will participate in the activities. Students in 6th grade will be running the stations. Field Day is scheduled to start around 8:15-8:30.

APRIL SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS Congratulations to Kyle Shaw & Kymberlee Ansley





Parents of lower elementary students,

I had an inquiry about how I bill the morning/afternoon milks that your child/ren may take throughout the week.

There is a check off sheet that each classroom teacher has to mark the number of milks that your child has for breaks, for the week. These are tallied at the end of the week and turned into the Elementary Secretary usually at the beginning of the next week. When I receive them in my office, I then total them and enter the weekly numbers into my program.

This may show that your child received 5 milks in one day, but that is the total of milks received for the previous week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and I will help in any way that I can.

Thank you,
Karla Mapes
Transportation/Lunch Accounts Director
Hemingford Public Schools
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kmapes@gubn.org



Speech and Language

May

flower



Word of the Month

Books

- Ladybugs, written by Gail Gibbons
- Jack's Garden, written by Henry Cole
- The Curious Garden, written by Peter Brown
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar, written by Eric Carle
- Glasswings: A Butterfly's Story, written by Elisa Kleven

Ask
Open-Ended
Questions while
reading a book
with your child.

Language at Home

Asking Open-Ended Questions allows children to respond in a variety of ways instead of a simple, 'yes,' 'no,' or nodding their head. Open-Ended Questions include who, what, when, where, why, and how questions.

Examples of Open-Ended Questions:

- 'What are you building?'
- 'What happened in the book?'
- 'When do we wash our hands?'
- 'When did you eat lunch?'
- 'Who should we invite?'
- 'Who is at the door?'
- 'Where is the duck?'
- 'Where should we sit?'
- 'Where does this piece go?'
- 'Why did it fall?'
- 'Why did you choose this book?'
- 'Why is the lion sad?'
- 'How do you feel?'
- 'How do we play this game?'
- 'How are we going to make the castle?'

Activities

- Paint a butterfly with your child. Cut a white piece of paper into the shape of a butterfly and fold it in half vertically. Have your child paint only the left wing. Talk with your child about the life cycle of a butterfly as you paint. Close the wings and press them together. Open the wings to find a fully painted butterfly. Discuss how this happened (The wings of a butterfly are symmetrical). Look for other items in your home that are symmetrical.
- Plant a flower or a seed with your child. Talk about the different parts of a flower. Discuss what your flower or seed needs to grow and how you will nurture it.
- Ask Open-Ended Questions while playing house.
- Take a walk down your street and ask your child Open-Ended Questions about different Spring related items you pass.



National Honor Society News

On Thursday, April 11, 2024, the Hemingford High School Chapter of the National Honor Society held our annual induction ceremony. In order to be selected as members of the National Honor Society, candidates must maintain a cumulative GPA of 94% or above and demonstrate exemplary qualities in the areas of leadership, character, and service. We were able to welcome eight new members to our chapter: Kyra Jespersen, Cody Penaluna, Bailey Sellman, Dakota Horstman, Tayten Haas, Sophie Hruby, Ryan Ragsdale, and Kail Miles. Congratulations!

Our officers for the 2024/2025 school year are President, Gavin Bell; Vice President, Kyra Jespersen; Secretary, Dakota Horstman; and Treasurer, Ryan Ragsdale. You will all do wonderful things in your leadership positions, and I look forward to working with you next year.

Honored senior members this year are Drew Varner, Madisen Meek, Carlye Kresl, Ethan Plog, Breana Specht, and Aiden Benda. Thank you for the leadership and dedication you have shown throughout your years here at Hemingford Public Schools. Congratulations and best of luck in the future!

Mrs. Bridget Raben
National Honor Society Sponsor



Save The Date

Hemingford FFA
Banquet

MAY 6TH 6PM @
MULTIPURPOSE HALL



**HEMINGFORD ELEMENTARY
STUDENT COUNCIL PRESENTS**



FRIDAY, MAY 17TH

AT: 08:45 AM

LOCATION: THE BIG GYM

We will be starting with the National Anthem singers, from there we will go in grade order starting with Kindergarten.

For questions, contact Ms. Faylor or Mrs. Johnston

 kfaylor@gubn.org OR bjohnston@gubn.org

What: Walk to School Day

Who: Hemingford students, parents, teachers, community members

Date: May 8th, 2024

Time: 7:30 am

How: Elementary students need to turn in a participation form to your classroom teacher or Mrs. Neefe by Monday, May 6th



Some Bus routes may be dropping students off.

Please discuss this with your bus driver and let them know that you would like to participate.



Everyone: Show up at 7:30 at the Body Shop Basketball court. We will all walk together as a group at 7:45 am to get to school on time.

Why: Celebrate National Walk to school day, be fit and have fun!

Sponsored by the Hemingford FCCLA, Body Shop, and Panhandle Public Health

I (parent) _____ give my permission for (student) _____
to participate in the walk to school activity on May 8th, 2024.

Please list student's names and grades below that will be participating:

Bus riders: Please indicate the bus you ride on.: _____

I understand that Hemingford FCCLA or the Body Shop will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items.

Please dress your students according to the weather and stay home if you are sick!

Note: We are encouraging everyone to Walk. Bikes are more difficult to manage with our large group!



Esports

Hemingford placed 5th at State Esports!! Way to go!!!

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Congratulations to our Division 4 Fortnite Teams!

1st Place - Hay Springs

2nd Place - Kimball 1

3rd Place - Kimball 2

4th Place - Bancroft-Rosalie

5th Place - Hemingford

6th Place - Scribner-Snyder

7th Place - Silver Lake

8th Place - Quest Forward



Wyatt Planansky, Dyson Fritzler & Jacob Garner





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Music Messages



Mrs. Arneson

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2023-2024 Concerts & Programs

**Thursday, May 2nd
K-12 VOCAL MUSIC 6pm**

**Saturday, May 11 Graduation
7-12 Band Performs**

Thank you for a fantastic school year! If you want to prepare for Honors Music Events next year, please let Mrs. Arneson know so you are able to get any available audition materials.

2024 Summer Band Camp will take place during Box Butte County Fair Week unless the majority of students need another time. Please let Mrs. Arneson know your preference.





Quiz Bowl



The Hemingford Quiz Bowl team recently competed in Hastings for State Competition. The team did great winning in the first round and have some tough losses in the following two. It was an amazing season with great students!





Science Olympiad



Let's have a moment of Science ~~ for these awesome students & sponsors Mrs. Talkington & Mr. Olson.





Bobcat Bits

**Come join the Hemingford Swim Team this summer!!
Sign up Online!**



SIGN UPS FOR AGES 7-18 YEARS OLD!

CONTACT AMMIE FROST @ 207-5180 FOR MORE INFORMATION!





Hemingford Public Schools Lunch Menu

May 2024

Milk is served with all meals

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Crispitos Vegetable Fruit	2 Chicken Bacon Ranch Bake Vegetable Fruit	3 Hamburger Fries Vegetable Fruit
6 Bosco Sticks Vegetable Fruit	7 Taco Or Taco Salad Vegetable Fruit	8 Macaroni & Cheese Vegetable Fruit	9 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	10 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit
13 Corn Dogs Vegetable Fruit	14 Pizza Vegetable Fruit	15 Sub Sandwich 3-6 Track Meet-Sack Lunch	16 Chicken Strips Vegetable Fruit Ice Cream	17 Sloppy Joe Sandwich Vegetable Fruit
20 Cooks Choice	21 11:30 Dismissal			
27	28	29	30	31

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: Pre-K-12 - \$2.50 Adult Breakfast - \$3.00 Milk- .55

The cost of a lunch is as follows: PreK - 6 Lunch - \$3.00 7 - 12 Lunch - \$3.25 Adult Lunch - \$5.00

Hemingford Public Schools Breakfast Menu

May 2024

Milk is served with all meals

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Cinnamon Roll or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice	2 Waffles or PBJ Fruit/Juice	3 Breakfast Casserole or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice
6 Biscuits & Gravy or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice	7 Scrambled Eggs w/Toast Or PBJ Fruit/Juice	8 Breakfast Pizza or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice	9 Bagel Twist or PBJ Fruit/Juice	10 French Toast Casserole Or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice
13 Biscuits & Gravy or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice	14 Pancake Wrap Or PBJ Fruit/Juice	15 Pancakes or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice	16 Breakfast Sandwich or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice	17 Dutch Waffle With/ Strawberries Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice
20 Biscuits & Gravy Or Cold Cereal Fruit/Juice	21 Muffin & Yogurt PBJ Fruit/Juice			
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Our vision at Hemingford Public Schools is to work with parents and the community to:

- Create a safe and healthy learning environment for all,
- Provide and promote opportunities for academic success,
- Inspire involvement using career interests and strengths, and
- Prepare caring, responsible, and successful citizens.

Dr. Travis Miller, Superintendent
Mrs. Misty Curtis, High School Principal
Mr. Eric Arneson, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Mandy Plog, Special Education Director

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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 - Posted on Remind, Facebook and the School Website.

Notices sent home with students
Information sent home with report 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.



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”**.

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 will be transmitted by Remind App, School Facebook, Twitter or X and Hemingford Public Schools App.

School Information

School notifications will also will be posted through the school Facebook, twitter, website and local radio stations. If you have any questions please contact school at 487-3330. To get direct notifications please download the Remind app.

Hemingford Public School District #10

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			Farm Safety Day	Red Day	Track: Varsity vs. Alliance Bridgeport Jr Sr Chadron Crawford High School Garden County Schools Hay Springs Public Kimball High School Mitchell Public Schools Morrill Sidney Sioux County Schools">Multiple Schools (Away)	
			White Day	9:00am: Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Kimball High School (Away)		White Day
			8:00am: Baseline Concussion Testing	6:00pm: K-12th Grade Vocal Music Concert		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Red Day	Seniors Last Day	Red Day	Track: Varsity vs. TBD (Away)	Red Day	Track: JH vs. TBD">Multiple Schools (Away).
	6:00pm: FFA Banquet	White Day	7:30am: Walk to school day	White Day	9:00am: Honors Day	2:00pm: Graduation
		9:00am: Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Bayard (Away)	8:00am: Sports Physicals for any current 7th - 11th grader	9:00am: Golf: Boys Varsity vs. Crawford High School (Away)		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Golf: Boys Varsity vs. North Platte (Away)	Red Day	White Day	Red Day	Track: Varsity vs. (Away)	Track: Varsity vs. (Away)
	White Day		10:00am: Youth Advisory Council Meeting	6:30pm: Preschool Graduation	White Day	
	7:00pm: School Board Meeting					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
6:00pm: FCA Banquet,	Red Day	Golf: Boys Varsity vs. (Away)	Teacher Inservice	Teacher Inservice		
		White Day	Golf: Boys Varsity vs. (Away)			
		2:00pm: Students Last Day (dismissal)				
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	HHS Summer School	HHS Summer School	HHS Summer School	HHS Summer School	HHS Summer School	
	7:00pm: School Board Meeting					
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