

# HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

## SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

### WELCOME BACK!!

It was certainly a summer to remember! Hopefully, your summer was filled with many memories other than those brought upon by the record breaking flooding in June. Likewise, we hope the anticipation and excitement of the start of another school year will help create new memories for everyone. It is a great honor and privilege for me to serve as your superintendent for the upcoming school year. I look forward to meeting many new challenges as we will join together to make our district a great place to learn, work, and live.

There is no doubt that schools are facing the most challenging time in the history of public education in Illinois. The State continues its longest streak of not funding education at the foundation level. It is also the longest stretch in history of no increases in the foundation level. There is a constant fear of late payments from the state, as well as the fear of not receiving all our payments each year. The number of State Mandates each year has grown steadily over the last few years, and politics continues to play a role in children's education and future. Over the last four years the staff of Hartsburg-Emden has worked hard, and will continue to do so, to keep our children's education the top priority, no matter what we have thrown at us (improvise, adapt, and overcome).

The school year is officially underway. The first week is often a week to get bugs worked out. All-in-all we had an outstanding first week. Our new Principal, Jon Leslie, and Guidance Counselor, Amanda Feltes, did an outstanding job working many of those bugs out. We really have some great teachers who are dedicated to our district. We have a few new staff members who will be terrific additions to our staff. The staff is in high spirits and excited about the upcoming year. As we begin a new school year, we find teachers establishing school standards and rules. In the most successful classrooms, teachers have established specific routines for the children to follow. This means giving the children a specific place to find and keep materials, a set schedule for classroom instruction, etc. These routines, blended with the teacher's consistent standards, form a smooth running

classroom where the children have the security of understanding their environment and are reinforced positively for their contributions.

At home, it is also important to provide routines as well. Many families build a daily "quiet time" when the television is turned off. This quiet time provides students the opportunity for completing schoolwork or for recreational reading if there is no homework. During this time a suitable place, somewhat free of other distractions, is best. The routine of a daily quiet time can provide an opportunity to develop self-discipline, stimulate imagination, and enhance reading skills. As families establish routines for the new school year, it is helpful to keep in mind that childhood is a special time of learning, exploration and growth. It is great to provide children with time to explore their world and experience the joy of discovery. The Hartsburg-Emden staff looks forward to working together with our parents to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, and develop a strong sense of self-worth in our students. We must invest our time and energies in our nation's most valuable resource - our children. I would like to take a minute to thank the Hartem Community Club (our K-8 parent organization) for everything they provide to our school. Our students are provided with great field trips, parties, educational material, playground material, and much more from this organization. They have contributed resources and time to our children which has enriched their lives. Thank you!!

Again, Welcome Back!! I'm looking forward to a terrific school year.

### STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION UPDATE

Every year at this time, we update student and family contact information in our student database. If you have had a change in your telephone number or email address in the past year, please forward that information to our district office so that we can remove old and inaccurate information.

### SR. BETA CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

The Sr. Beta Club Blood Drive is Friday, Sept. 18th from 9:00am-1:00pm in the high school gym. Contact Mr. Robinson at the high school or [jrobinson@hartem.org](mailto:jrobinson@hartem.org) to sign-up. You may also sign-up on the Hartem Website [www.hartem.org](http://www.hartem.org), highlight activities at the top of the screen and click on Sr. Beta Club Blood Drive.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, District Principal

I am Jon Leslie, your new District Principal of Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21. I am honored that the School District has chosen me to be the new Principal. I would like to start by telling you a little about Mr. Leslie. I was born and raised in Ottawa, IL which is a town of about 18,000 people an hour and a half north of here. My childhood was spent playing sports, playing outside (Which I've noticed is still something that is very common in our district and doesn't happen a whole lot elsewhere), and visiting my grandparents' house tending to and playing with the chickens, goats, horses, and mini horses. I attended Marquette High School and later went on to college. My undergraduate degree was earned at Concordia University in River Forest, IL. Shortly after graduation, I married the love of my life Laurie, and we have now been married for a little over 11 years. I spent a short time working at a steel tubing factory and later went on to begin pursuing my passion as an educator. The first five years of my career was spent as a teacher and coach. During this time, I earned my graduate degree from Aurora University. The last five years I have been an administrator in the role of Dean of Students/Assistant Principal. This past winter, Laurie and I increased our family by one (1) with the addition of our first son and only child, Lincoln. I am sure many of you will see him at most of our sporting events throughout the year.

We also hired four (4) new teachers this summer. Here is a quick rundown of our new staff.

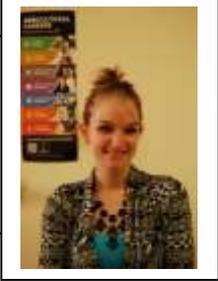
Calob Pluhm  
Jr./Sr. High Band/Chorus  
IVS Lab Instructor  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
1<sup>st</sup> Year in Education

Amber Jordan  
6-12 Special Education  
Teacher  
Buena Vista University  
2<sup>nd</sup> Year in Education

Heather Wilson  
Math Teacher  
Illinois State University  
(Undergrad.)  
Capella University MS  
(Graduate)  
11<sup>th</sup> Year in Education



Amanda Feltes  
K-12 Guidance Counselor  
U of I at Urbana-Champaign (Undergrad.)  
U of I at Springfield (Graduate)  
1<sup>st</sup> year in Education



I can hardly believe that we are already a few weeks into the school year. This is an exciting time for everyone. I absolutely love when the hallways and classrooms come alive with student laughter and chatter. Our students are now into a daily school routine and are ready to be challenged on a daily basis, our fall sports and activities are in the full swing of their seasons and are doing a fantastic job, and our teachers and staff are rested and are ready to give everything they have to educate and love your child.

I am very excited and look forward to both the joys and challenges that are ahead. Parent involvement is very important to us. Strong ties amongst school, family, and community are vital to student success. I am free to discuss any suggestions or concerns that students or parents may have.

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. This is one of the major ways in which we communicate to our families and our community about the day-to-day life of Hartsburg-Emden students. It will contain a variety of academic updates and other informational pieces that will be of interest to you.

Again, I am thrilled to serve you as Principal. I anticipate a fantastic year, and I encourage you to become actively involved in our school community. We (our faculty and staff) look forward to continuing to work together as a team to provide your child with the very best educational experience possible. Go Stags!!!



### FFA NEWS

This month Hartem FFA will be participating in the Greenhand Conference, Ag Sales CDE, and Horse Judging CDE. We will also be going to the Farm Progress Show. If you would like to order a FFA shirt please stop by the office during the first half of September!

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

Welcome back to all you Hartem fans. School has started and our sports teams are in full stride.

The junior high softball team is over half done with their season already. Coach Rankin, Coach Robinson and the girls are nearly ready to begin their postseason play. The girls will have their last home game on September 1, which will be 8<sup>th</sup> grade night. They will begin their regional play on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Our high school baseball coach, Coach Muntz, is now in his first year as our junior high coach. He and the boys will be at the high school field on September 10 + 11, with the latter being their 8<sup>th</sup> grade night. They will begin regional play on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Coach Garber and the golf team have starting swinging as well. They will be in a couple of tournaments this month with the Tomahawk Conference Meet on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Heyworth Invite the next day, and the Clinton Invite on September 21<sup>st</sup>. They will have home matches on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our last fall sports team, the high school volleyball team, will start their season on September 1<sup>st</sup> @ Delavan. They will have home games on September 3, 8, 15, 21, and 24. The girls also travel to Casey for a tournament on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

As the new seasons begin, I would like to ask that all fans show sportsmanship to all parties. Let's make sure that we are cheering for our hard working coaches and players and not tearing down officials, coaches, players, and other fans. Also, parents should make sure that if your son/daughter is not riding the bus home, you have signed them out with the coach. If there are other arrangements, make sure the coach is aware of this and has written documentation of your plans. Good luck to everyone and let's begin another great year.

## CLASS OF 2017 FUNDRAISER

The Junior Class will be hosting a pork sandwich dinner before the Stags vs. Mt. Pulaski volleyball game on Sept. 24. We will serve pork sandwiches, baked beans, chips, drink, and dessert. Cost is donation and carry-outs will be available. We will serve from 4:30-6:30. Come and enjoy a meal and stay for the game! Thanks for your support!



## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



We are excited to announce 2015 Volleyball Homecoming Week September 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> with the Homecoming Pack-The-Place Match against Mt. Pulaski Thursday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. The week will be packed full of dress-up theme days for all students K-12<sup>th</sup>! The classes with the most participation will win a pizza party in grades K-5, Grades 6-8, and 9-12. Also included in the pizza party are students grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> that participate all 5 days! Teachers – We didn't forget about you!!! Every day a teacher participates, their name goes into a jar and on Friday we will pick a name for a \$15 Subway gift card. New this year, Volleyball Homecoming will host a Semi-Formal Dance Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at the high school cafeteria! We are so excited for our season!

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND MEETING

Calob Pluhm, Band/Chorus Director

There will be a 6th grade, beginning band, informational meeting on September 2nd, at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. It is extremely important that you attend this meeting if your child is interested in participating in band this school year. Information will be given out on how to rent/purchase/or borrow an instrument this year. I am excited to begin working with your child and eager to begin band. I look forward to meeting you. If you have any questions or concerns, or are unable to attend this meeting please contact me @ [cpluhm@hartem.org](mailto:cpluhm@hartem.org) or call the school at 642-5244, during school hours, and I would be happy to talk with you.



## BOX TOPS

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help our school. Box Tops are each worth 10 cents and quickly add up to real cash for our school. Last school year, we earned \$683.10. All you have to do is clip Box Tops from participating products and send to school with your child. There are 2 redemption dates a year – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. After our Box Tops are sent in, the school receives a check in December and April. If you have any questions, please contact the grade school 217-376-3151 or [cletcher@hartem.org](mailto:cletcher@hartem.org)

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	<b>School Calendar</b>	<b>1</b> JHBB @ WLB 4:00 JHSB @ Home vs. Illini Central 4:30 (8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Night) HSVB @ Delavan 6:00  <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	<b>2</b> Golf (V) @ Hickory Point vs. Decatur St. Teresa 4:00 FFA-Farm Progress Show-Decatur 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Meeting @ HS Café 5:30  <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	<b>3</b> JHBB @ Logan County Play-In TBA JHSB @ Delavan (Lake Park) 4:30 HSVB @ Home vs. Springfield Lutheran 6:00  <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	<b>4</b> JHBB @ MP 4:15 JHSB @ Tremont 4:15  <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	<b>5</b> JHBB @ Logan County Tourn-WLB TBA HSVB @ Casey-Westfield Tourn. TBA
<b>6</b>	<b>No School Labor Day</b>	<b>8 HCC Mtg. @ GS 6:30</b> JHBB @ Athens 4:15 JHSB @ W-L 4:30 HSVB @ Lewistown 6:00 Golf (V) @ Crane Creek vs. IB/MP 4:00	<b>9</b> JHSB -1A Reg. TBA Golf @ North Greens vs. Clinton/Tremont 4:00 FFA-Horse Judging @ Delavan 3:30	<b>10</b> JHBB @ Home vs. IC 4:30	<b>11</b> JHBB @ Home vs. Heyworth 4:30 (8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Night)	<b>12</b> JHSB-1A Reg. TBA
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> JHBB @ MWC 4:15 JHSB-1A Reg. TBA HSVB @ Tremont 5:30 Golf @ Country Hills 11:00	<b>15</b> JHBB -1A Reg. TBA HSVB @ Home vs. Athens 6:00 Golf @ Weibring Golf Course-Heyworth Invitational 1:00 FFA-Greenhand Conf. @ Macomb 3:30	<b>16</b> Golf @ North Greens vs. Williamsville/IB 4:00	<b>17 Boy Scout Mtg. @ GS Café 6:30</b>  Golf @ North Greens vs. MC/MP 4:00	<b>18</b> Beta Club Blood Drive @ HS Gym 9am-1pm	<b>19</b> JHBB-1A Reg. TBA JHSB-1A Sect. TBA FFA-State Horse Judging TBA
<b>20</b> HSVB Home-Coming Week	<b>21 Board Mtg. 7:00</b> JHBB-1A Reg. TBA HSVB @ Home vs. W-L 6:00 Golf @ Clinton CC-Clinton Invitational 3:00 FFA-Ag Sales-Host 3:30	<b>22</b> HSVB @ West Prairie 6:00 Golf @ The Rail vs. Will/Riv/Pitt. 4:00	<b>23</b> Health Department Hearing and Vision Screening at GS 8:30am & HS 1:00pm	<b>24</b> HSVB @ Home vs. MP 6:00 Class of 2017 Meal 4:30-6:30 HS Cafe	<b>25</b> JHSB-1A State TBA	<b>26</b> JHBB-1A Sect. TBA JHSB-1A State TBA HSVB Homecoming Pictures @ HS Cafeteria 7:00 Dance 7:30-10:00 @ HS Cafeteria
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Golf (V) @ Lake Wood (Havana) 4:00	<b>29</b> HSVB @ Dee-Mack 6:00 Golf @ Country Hills vs. Green/IC/Virg. 4:00	<b>30</b>  <b>11:30 Dismissal</b>			

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	<b>Breakfast Menu</b>	<b>1</b> Donut Toast Fruit Cocktail Apple Juice	<b>2</b> Pancakes Syrup Peaches Apple Juice	<b>3</b> Nutri-Grain Bar Toast Pears Apple Juice	<b>4</b> Bagel Pineapple Apple Juice	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>No School Labor Day</b>	<b>8</b> Cereal Bar Toast Applesauce Orange Juice	<b>9</b> Breakfast Pizza Grapes Orange Juice	<b>10</b> Yogurt Parfait Toast Pineapple Orange Juice	<b>11</b> Apple Frudel Toast Applesauce Orange Juice	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> English Muffin Sausage Patty Peaches Apple Juice	<b>15</b> French Toast Sticks Syrup Orange Slices Apple Juice	<b>16</b> Blueberry Muffins Applesauce Apple Juice	<b>17</b> Sausage Bagel Fruit Cocktail Apple Juice	<b>18</b> Pancakes Syrup Peaches Apple Juice	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Waffles Syrup Pears Orange Juice	<b>22</b> Pancake & Sausage on Stick with Syrup Mandarin Oranges Orange Juice	<b>23</b> Biscuit Egg Patty Pineapple Orange Juice	<b>24</b> Pop Tart Toast Peaches Orange Juice	<b>25</b> Sausage Patty Tri Tater Toast Orange Juice	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Assorted Cereal Toast Apricots Apple Juice	<b>29</b> Jamwiches Pears Apple Juice	<b>30</b> French Toast Syrup Fruit Cocktail Apple Juice	<p><b>A variety of milk is available every day.</b>  <b>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b></p> <p><b>11:30 Dismissal</b></p>		

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	<b>Lunch Menu</b>	<b>1</b> Chicken and Noodles Green Beans Bread Peaches	<b>2</b> Sloppy Joe on Bun Green & Red Pepper Strips Dip Corn Pears	<b>3</b> BBQ Rib on Bun Broccoli Lettuce Salad Pineapple	<b>4</b> Assorted Sandwiches Tri Tater Mini Carrots Applesauce	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>No School Labor Day</b>	<b>8</b> Tacos with Salsa Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Pears Vanilla Wafers	<b>9</b> Deli Turkey on Bun Fresh Veggies Dip Mini Pretzels Pineapple	<b>10</b> Chicken Patty on Bun Pasta Salad with Veggies Cooked Carrots Applesauce	<b>11</b> Corn Dog Bites Cole Slaw Corn Peaches Juice Bar	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Chicken Nuggets BBQ Sauce Peas Bread Orange Slices	<b>15</b> Hamburger on Bun Tomato Slices 3 Bean Salad Tater Tots Applesauce	<b>16</b> Fun Fish Corn Bread Fruit Cocktail Cookie	<b>17</b> Grilled Chicken Wrap On Tortilla Diced Tomatoes Romaine Salad Peaches	<b>18</b> Cheese or Sausage Pizza Spinach Salad Sliced Cucumbers Pears	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Chicken Sticks Cottage Cheese Corn Bread Mandarin Oranges	<b>22</b> Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Green Beans Breadstick Pineapple	<b>23</b> Pork Tenderloin on Bun Tomato/Onion Slices Sweet Potatoes with Apples Peaches	<b>24</b> Cheeseburger on Bun Tomato/Onion Slices Sun Chips Mini Carrots Applesauce	<b>25</b> Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Romaine Salad Apricots	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup/Crackers Carrot/Celery Sticks Pears	<b>29</b> Chicken Fajita Salsa Lettuce Corn Fruit Cocktail	<b>30</b> <b>11:30 Dismissal No Lunch</b>	<b>A variety of milk is available every day. Chef salad &amp; side salads are available every day at the high school. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b>		

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Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent  
Jon Leslie, District Principal

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August 24, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parent/Guardian of a **Hartsburg-Emden Elementary** student; the purpose of this letter is to update you on a process we started last spring called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program application (also referred to as the **Free Breakfast and Lunch Program**). We are pleased to inform you that the **elementary building** will be implementing this new option available to qualifying schools for the 2015-2016 school year. Schools that participate in the CEP are able to provide a healthy breakfast and lunch each day at **no charge** for students enrolled in the CEP Program, which will be **Hartsburg-Emden Elementary**. The Jr./Sr. High School Building did **NOT** qualify.

The qualification for the CEP Program had two major components. One: The school must be participating in the ***National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program***, which we do. Two: the school must have a given percentage of direct certification for free and reduced price. It turned out that we had one building qualify and another not. The Jr./Sr. High School students will still need to pay for their meals. It is also important to note that the Grade School students will be provided with a full well-balanced meal. We do offer seconds for milk and this cost will **NOT** be covered for by the CEP Program. Parents will still be asked to pay for those additional milk products.

Again, the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is an alternative to collecting, approving, and verifying household eligibility applications for free and reduced price. Instead of collecting and monitoring individual students, Hartsburg-Emden Elementary School as a whole unit qualifies. All students in the school will receive the benefits of the program. Therefore, any student in Kindergarten through the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be enrolled in CEP Program and are able to receive breakfast and lunch at **no cost**. We will be monitoring the program very closely this first year to see if it is feasible for us to continue.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Terry L. Wisniewski, *Superintendent*

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Susan Wilson, Librarian

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Rademaker gave 2 copies of the newly released graphic novel version of The Babysitters Club series, The Truth about Stacey, to the Emden library. Mr. Randy Baker donated numerous paperback and hard bound book titles to the 2 libraries. Thank you so much!



## **ALUMNI-THANKS**

Ron Spencer, 2015 Hartem Alumni President

On behalf of the 2015 Alumni Officers, I would like to thank those alumni that attended the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet back in June. A big thank you to those alumni that jumped in to help get some of our members into the community house when the elevator/lift broke down. Also, a big thank you to those members from the Class of 2015 who attended to be inducted into the association. Another great meal by the Stag-R-Inn and dessert by Betty Jo Lessen. Thank you!

## **WALL OF FAME THANK YOU**

Ron Spencer

I would like to personally thank the alumni association for placing me on the Hartsburg-Emden Wall of Fame. We have so many deserving alumni and the thought of being on the wall with those already there and the ones that will come is quite humbling. I am honored and grateful to have been selected by my fellow alumni. The Hartsburg-Emden School District is very special and I am so proud to be a Hartsburg-Emden Alumni! Go STAGS!!

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