

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

Students across the State, as well as those here at Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21, have been busy preparing and taking the State assessments over the last several weeks. In addition to the local formative assessment we use to make instructional decisions (AIMSweb Plus), districts are also required to administer the PARCC Exam again. This is the 1st time in 5 years the State has not made changes in the previous years' test. This is our third year with PARCC and the State has a 5 year commitment for administering this exam. All grade levels will continue to take the same exams they took last year, including the science exam for grades 5 and 8. Schools only received results from the Math and ELA (English Language Arts) exams last year. So, we continue to take science test even though the results have never been released to us. Lack of funding and personnel for grading have been the excuse as to why we never received last year's science results. To many, it seems quite ridiculous to have students take the science exam when we still don't have results from a year ago. However, the State selected to have students in grades 5 & 8 continue to take the science assessment. It sure would be nice if the State could resolve some of its issues. It seems like it has become more difficult to try to rationalize the thought process in the decisions being made (or not being made). Regardless, Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 has stayed focused on improving instruction to do what's best for students. We ask our students to do their best at everything: Basketball, Volleyball, Scholastic Bowl, Testing, etc. When compared to the State Average and other area school districts, Hartsburg-Emden has made some terrific gains over the last 3 years. We want to continue that trend. Please encourage your son/daughter to show what they know, not just on the test, but each and every day. Stress the importance of learning and doing their best on everything. The staff at Hartsburg Emden always appreciates the support we get from our parents. Thank you!

Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 values providing the highest-quality education for our students, while maintaining financial stability. We value our partnership between parents, staff, School Board, and the community in supporting the aspirations of

every child we serve. So, our school budget is more than just a spreadsheet, but a very real resource that translates into excellent teachers and licensed paraprofessionals, quality curriculum and instruction materials, essential technology, clean facilities, fully-equipped buildings, safe and secure classrooms, bussing, food services, and so much more. A school budget is not limited to the specific school year dates. Rather, planning for the next school year budget is beginning now, while we are in the middle of teaching and learning this school year. Much depends on a variety of external factors, including anticipated funding from the State. It is hard to fathom that the State of Illinois may be going on 3 years without adopting a complete budget while we close out another school year and look at maintaining the value of education for next school year. We need to continue to pay very close attention to what is happening in Springfield as we begin to plan for the 2017-2018 School Year. We are hearing the State may adopt a new funding formula for school districts along with many other compromises and a potential 'grand bargain' deal to end this 2 year standoff. Many school districts in Illinois are reliant on State funding and are grappling with how to plan for this continued uncertainty. Rather than focus on this uncertainty, Hartsburg-Emden School District, is actively employing best practices in order to begin the next school year on solid ground, with a full grasp and understanding of these external issues may affect our budget. We remain hopeful that politicians in Springfield will make the right decisions for our State and children. In the meantime, as a district, I can assure you that we will continue to strive to do what is best of for our students.

APRIL BREAKFAST & LUNCH COSTS

17 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$34.00
17 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.35	\$5.95
16 Student Lunches	@\$2.55	\$40.80
16 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.50	\$8.00

Students at Hartsburg will need to pay for seconds. Entrées are \$.90, vegetable/fruit are \$.50 and milk is \$.40. Seconds need to be paid for at the time they are served. Adult lunches purchased are \$3.05. You can check your student's meal account balance using the Parent Portal. Contact Erika at the high school if you need assistance in accessing this information.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

March was an exciting month. It's hard to believe that it is almost April already. Time is flying by, and we will soon be closing out the school year. Please check the School's website and social media accounts often for the latest list of events.

Seniors, you have worked very hard for 3 ¾ years. I encourage you to finish strong. Do your best. Study hard. Most importantly, DO NOT let your attendance slip. Believe it or not, future employers DO make reference calls to your high school. Parents, please insist that your child is at school every day. Our staff is dedicated to educating your children all the way down to their last day at Hartem.

We will be finishing up PARCC testing in grades 3-8 over the next couple of weeks. This can sometimes be stressful for children. Parents, please support your child through it, and make certain that they get a good night's rest and good breakfast.

March was a very busy month here at Hartem. Our 7th Grade Volleyball Team and 8th Grade Volleyball Team won the state championship against Grayville. Congratulations to all of our players and coaches on outstanding seasons. March also has brought us the start of the Junior High Track, High School Baseball, and High School Track. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with us for our outdoor sports. Ms. Fanning and the FFA are working on all the usual activities for this time of the year. Junior High Scholastic Bowl is also in full swing and is doing well so far.

Please check the rest of this newsletter for a full listing of what we have going on over the next month. There are plenty of things to choose from that could be fun for the entire family. Enjoy the warmer weather and the start to our Spring along with a relaxing Easter. Go Stags!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 12th-2:00pm dismissal
Thursday, April 13th-No School
Friday, April 14th-No School
Monday, April 17th-No School

*Happy
Easter*

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

A big thanks to all of those who helped with the home basketball and volleyball games this past winter. I know it's a lot of time and energy. We received many compliments (again) on how well our games run and how nice our facilities are. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Coach Hayes, Coach Langley, the 71A state champs, and the 81A state champs. We will honor those teams along with the other winter squads on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 in the high school gymnasium.

The month of April is filled with high school baseball games as well as jr. high track meets. So, get out and enjoy the nice weather while cheering on those Stags. I would also like to welcome Coach Jessica Hartman as our new junior high girls' track coach. Good luck to all our student-athletes and coaches.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

The Labels for Education program is coming to an end. Currently we have a balance of 25,828 points. These points can be redeemed for pre-paid Visa cards. With our current balance we can receive \$275 in Visa cards. However, we are very close to being able to redeem points for \$300! Check your junk drawers, your pantry, or anywhere else you may have labels hiding and submit them! Thank you for your ongoing support!



COKE REWARDS POINTS

Coke has discontinued this program. Thank you so much for your support over previous years in helping post-prom earn some extra prizes.



GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor

Spring has sprung, and with it comes the excitement and anticipation of summer. It is important to remember for students to continue to arrive to school on time and put their best effort in each class until the end of the year. As I mentioned in my last newsletter article, the spring semester is a very busy time for students. Please encourage students to continue to work hard in these last 2 months and speak with their teachers or myself for extra support. I expect all Hartem students to finish the school year strong. In an effort to provide more resources for our students, I recently contacted Heartland Community College to inquire about volunteers to help with tutoring Hartem students. I'm pleased to announce that we will be offering tutoring services every Friday after school from 3:30-4:30 pm in the high school cafeteria until the end of the year. Kati, our volunteer, is majoring in Secondary Math Education at HCC. She will be available to help any high school student with math classes. This is a great opportunity for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I hope to see some of our students take advantage of this great resource.

PARCC testing started for students in grades 3-8 on March 14th. Testing has gone very well so far, and we will finish by the end of this month. Thank you to all of the students, parents, and school staff for all your continued hard work and support during PARCC testing. It can be a very stressful time, but everyone has taken it in stride. This month, the 11th grade class will participate in the **mandatory statewide SAT on April 5th**. It is EXTREMELY important that students are in attendance on the day they are assigned to test. Please plan accordingly. The SAT must be administered as the first activity of the day on the designated testing dates. Late arrival is not allowed after the test begins. The scores on this test are reportable to colleges. Make sure that students get a good night's sleep before the test and eat a good breakfast in the morning. The high school teachers have been working hard to get the Junior class prepared for the SAT. Please encourage students to put their best effort forward.

Hartem will also be hosting a **College Information Night** on April 18th from 6-7:30 pm. Parents and high school students are invited to this event. Jason O'Brien from Prudential Financial will be presenting again this year.

Come to learn more about the application/admission process, financial preparation for college, and scholarships. This will be a great opportunity for any family who has a student preparing for college or trade school in the future. I encourage all high school students, especially 11th grade students, to attend this event. Please contact Mrs. Feltes if you have any questions.

2017-2018 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be Monday, July 17th Noon-7:00pm and Tuesday, July 18th 9:00am-2:00pm. All registration and activity fees must be paid at that time.



KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

If your child will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2017, he/she will be eligible to register for kindergarten. If you have any concerns about starting your child in kindergarten, please call the school 217-376-3151. We can help you determine if your child is really ready for kindergarten. Kindergarten pre-registration forms have been mailed to families known to the district. If you didn't receive a form, please contact the school office and one will be mailed right away.

Fees must be paid at registration time and you must bring your child's original birth certificate from the County Clerk and social security number. Your child will need to have physical, current immunizations, and eye exam prior to the first day of school August 21, 2017. A dental exam will be required before May 15, 2018.

EYE, DENTAL, AND PHYSICAL EXAMS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Erika Sanders, District Secretary



Physical exams are a STATE REQUIREMENT of all Kindergarten, 6th and 9th graders. Also, all Kindergarten, 6th and 9th graders are required to have their immunization records up to date. The Logan County Health Department offers the booster immunizations and lead screenings. Please call them for an appointment at 735-2317.

The State of Illinois also requires that all children entering Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades to have a dental examination. The examination must be completed between May 15, 2017 and May 15, 2018. Proof of examination is due no later than May 15, 2018.



All Kindergarten students and any student new to an Illinois school will be required to have a vision screening. The examination must be completed within the past 12 months. Proof of examination is due no later than October 15, 2017.

Students participating in sports and cheerleading must have a physical on file in the office before the tryouts or their sport's program begins. A sport's physical is good for one calendar year. Please remember that junior high softball starts in July and junior high baseball and high school golf and volleyball start at the beginning of August and the physicals need to be on file **BEFORE** they may practice or tryout.



If you have any questions, please call Erika at the high school 642-5244.

SENIOR BETA CLUB

John Robinson, Sponsor

The Senior Beta Club is having a blood drive on Thursday, May 4, from 10:00am to 2:00 pm in the HS Gymnasium. Please schedule your appointment either through the American Red Cross website or app, or by emailing John Robinson at the High School. Appointments have priority over drop ins during the blood drive. We need 20 pints donated for a senior to get a \$250 scholarship from the Red Cross. Please consider donating blood on May 4.

FFA NEWS

Elizabeth Fanning, FFA Sponsor

April is a very busy month for the FFA!! Food Drive - FFA members will be putting out bags for the food drive on April 5th and Picking them up on April 6th.

Petting Zoo/Tractor Day - We will be having the FFA petting zoo on April 19th.

Plant Sale - Plants will be ready for purchase starting in April. You may come during school or until 3:30. If you need a later time please call the school and Ms. Fanning will make arrangements. We will also be selling plants on a Friday/Saturday during May.

Congratulations to Ashley Zinser for receiving the Chamber of Commerce Ag Scholarship. She was awarded at the Chamber of Commerce Ag Day Breakfast on March 23rd.

April brings us many livestock judging contests, horticulture contest, poultry judging, and our Section Banquet.



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	School Calendar					1 HSBB vs. Roanoke-Benson 11:00 (DH)
2	3 HSBB vs. W-L 4:30 Early Childhood Screenings @ GS 2:00-6:00	4 HSBB @ Delavan 4:30 JH Sch. Bowl @ Carroll Catholic 4:00	5 Juniors-SAT FFA Food Drive-Drop off bags	6 Winter Sports Awards @ HS Gym 6:00 FFA Food Drive-pick up	7 <i>4th Qtr. Progress Rpt</i> HSBB vs. Peoria Heights 4:30 7 th Gr. Museum of Science/Industry fieldtrip	8 HSBB @ Springfield Lutheran 11:00 (DH)
9	10 HSBB @ Eureka 4:30	11 HSBB vs. MWC 4:30 Group/Club pictures 1:30 Volleyball pictures 2:00 HSBB pictures 3:00 JHTRK pictures 3:30	12 <i>HCC Mtg. @ GS Caf� 6:30</i> 2:00 Dismissal	13 JHTRK @ MWC 4:00 No School	14 No School	15 JHTRK @ Olympia 10:00
16	17 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> HSBB vs. IC 4:30 JHTRK @ Havana 4:15 No School	18 HSBB vs. LeRoy 4:30 JHTRK @ IC 4:00 FAFSA Information Night 6-7:30	19 FFA Petting Zoo and Tractor Day	20 HSBB @ IWU vs. El Paso-Gridley 7:00	21 Bass-Sect. TBA Sr. Trip through 04/23 Musical @ HS Gym 7:00	22 Musical @ HS Gym 7:00
23	24 HSBB vs. Havana 4:30 JHTRK @ IC 4:00	25 HSBB @ MP 4:30 JH Sch. Bowl-Reg. TBA	26 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day	27 HSBB vs. Blue Ridge 4:30	28 6 th Gr. Field Museum Field trip	29 HSBB vs. Peoria Christian 10:00 (DH) JHTRK @ PORTA 9:00 Grand March @ 4:30 Pictures @ 5:00 Prom @ Emden Community House 6:00
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LIBRARY NEWS

Susan Wilson, Librarian

"Grandma" Doris Last, long-time resident of Hartsburg, donated 2 copies of "Logan County: a Pictorial History" by Paul Gleason and Paul Beaver. The book is a fascinating book leaf through and read. Each copy will be kept in the reference section of the high school's and grade school's libraries.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Leesman of Lincoln donated 2 books in memory of Mrs. Effie Rademaker, former Emden school teacher. Thanks to their generosity, a book request by Mrs. Trummel; "Clara and Davie the True Story of young Clara Barton, Founder of the Red Cross" was purchased.

The Sons of the American Legion Post 506 donated the sports novel, "Two-Minute Drill" and 2 more first grade biography requests, "A Picture Book of John and Abigail Adams" and "A Picture Book of Lewis and Clark."

The Scholastic Book Fair, held in conjunction with Family Reading Night, was a resounding success! The Hartem Community Club donated money so that every Emden student had a \$5 voucher they could use on the purchase of a book! Mrs. Reber's planning and activities during reading night were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the students and families of Hartsburg-Emden. I was able to purchase \$305.06 of the teachers' wish list books and another \$359.67 worth of books for the 2 libraries. Many thanks for the community's generosity!

FAMILY READING NIGHT 2017

Family Reading Night was a night of camping fun at Emden Elementary. It was a night of friends, family, books, star fun, and some wild and crazy animals.

We enjoyed time by the fire getting to read with family and friends. It is always nice to snuggle in close with a good book. We don't get to share this time as much as we would like in our busy lives. It was wonderful to see the families enjoy relaxing and spending time together.

This year we were able to have a few special guests at our camp out. The Wildlife Prairie Park joined us with some very interesting friends.

We had a toad, snake, owl, opossum, and skunk as our special friends for the night. Yes, you read that right a SKUNK! The kids and parents enjoyed getting to hear about these special friends. The kids were very excited to actually pet the skunk and snake. Yes, you read it right... they were able to pet a SKUNK!

One very wonderful thing this year was the Hartem Community Club helped with giving every child through fifth grade a free book. This included our future Hartem students as well. It was an exciting thing for all the students of the grade school to be able to purchase a book at the book fair. If you see an HCC member thank them for this wonderful gift. A thank you needs to go out to our Catch Group. They donated the bottles of water and snack that was given out as well. It was a wonderful healthy treat for camping out.

Thank you to everyone that came out and helped make Family Reading Night a success. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. If you missed Family Reading Night we hope you join us next spring for Family Reading Night 2018!



HARTEM YEARBOOKS-UPDATE

Now, the rest of the story! It is amazing how quickly pieces of the HARTEM history puzzle comes together when I least expect it! Here is the story on the birth and early years of the HARTEM Antler!

Since the First Antler was published in 1935... it was intended that it should be published every four years so that every student would have some record of his/her high school life. However, because of wartime (WW II) scarcity of photographic and newsprint materials no attempt was made to publish a yearbook after 1939 until 1946. The first two Antlers were 4 years apart (1935 & 1939), then the war and no publishing from 1940 to 1945. The Antler started being published on a yearly basis in 1946. I am only 7 Antlers away from a complete collection!

I am on a mission to collect and maintain a complete library of HARTEM Antlers (Yearbooks) for the HARTEM Alumni Association. The very first HARTEM Antler was published in 1935 with Beulah Gilchrist Schmidt serving as the first student editor. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the HARTEM faithful and your help in meeting my goal. I have been able to collect 66 yearbooks since announcing this effort on behalf of the Alumni Association. I still need your help!! If you have inherited any yearbooks from the years listed below and not sure what to do with them, the alumni association would love to be their caretaker. We still need one copy of the following years: 1960, 1975, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988. Prior to the Antler (1935), if you have any school related artifacts, we would be interested in those as well. I have also collected a variety of school related pictures dating back to the 1920's and other Stag related items. If you have antlers from the years listed or other school district artifacts you would like to donate to the association, please contact Ron Spencer by email at coach_spencer@hotmail.com or phone/text 309-838-0360.

A very special thanks for the following HARTEM supporters for their donations: Brad Aper Estate ('01) donated by family, Betty Gail Shirley Wagner ('51), Cheryl Ruben Baker ('64), Earl Ruben ('40) donated by family, Christy Conrady Cross ('80), Dean Bruns ('45), Ruth Rademaker Logeman ('38), Jayne Finchum Cross ('71), Ruby Harmsen ('39), Beulah Gilchrist Schmidt ('35) Estate, Pat Sparks,

Gary Rademaker ('58), Brad Lessen ('82) & Betty Jo Reiners Lessen ('83), Greg Phillips ('89), Sarah Rayburn McCree ('00), Shauna Fletcher Wetherell ('97), Bob Cross ('54), Emden Historical Society, Lee West ('55), Anna Detmers West ('55), Diana Reiners Walsh ('65), Bill Detmers ('58), Diane Smith Detmers ('58), Rudy Klokkenga ('65), Dan Underwood ('68).

ALUMNI BANQUET

The 90th Annual Hartsburg-Emden High Alumni Banquet will begin at 6:30pm on June 10, 2017. Again, the banquet will be held at the Community House in Emden, Illinois. The banquet will be catered by the Stag-R-Inn. Invitations to the banquet will be sent out in early May. Anyone who does not receive an invitation, but would like to attend the banquet may send a request via email to hartemalumni@gmail.com or you may call/text Janell Woolard at [217-737-2888](tel:217-737-2888).

Anniversary classes being honored this year include: 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and the Senior Class of 2017. If you are a member of one of these classes and want to insure you are on the mailing list, please email your address to hartemalumni@gmail.com or call/text Janell Woolard at [217-737-2888](tel:217-737-2888). All HARTEM graduates are welcome to attend. The Alumni Committee is currently researching addresses with the help of members from each anniversary class.

The winner of the "Wall of Fame" award will be selected and announced at the banquet. This year's award will be represented in the category of "Distinguished Alumni". Please mail nomination letters to Janell Woolard, PO BOX 104, Emden, IL 62635. The Association will also be accepting donations to help out with the cost of the event and to continue funding the Alumni Scholarship. Donations are payable to the Hartem Alumni Association and may be sent to Greg Phillips, 208 Market Street, Emden, IL 62635. Officers of the Alumni Association are President - Janell Wibben Woolard ('95); Vice President - Dustin Woolard ('15); Secretary - Cathy Kavanaugh Hopp ('97); Treasurer - Greg Phillips ('89); Corresponding Secretaries - Carole Metz Knipp ('62) Cheryl Renfrow ('62).

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Breakfast Menu						1
2	3 Waffles Peaches Orange juice Milk	4 Cereal bar Toast Fruit Orange juice Milk	5 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Orange juice Milk	6 Pancakes Cherry star juice Orange juice Milk	7 Trix yogurt Toast Mixed fruit Orange juice Milk	8
9	10 Pop tart Toast Peaches Apple juice Milk	11 Peanut butter and Jelly jamwich Pears Apple juice Milk	12 English muffin Sausage patty Applesauce Apple juice Milk	13 No School	14 No School	15
16	17 No School	18 Bagel Cream cheese Fruit Orange juice Milk	19 Biscuit Egg patty Peaches Orange juice Milk	20 French toast Mixed fruit Orange juice Milk	21 Donut Pineapple Orange juice Milk	22
23	24 Pancake & sausage On a stick Applesauce Apple juice Milk	25 Fruit frudel Toast Peaches Apple juice Milk	26 Assorted cereal Toast Fruit Apple juice Milk	27 Cheese omelet Toast Mandarin oranges Apple juice Milk	28 Nutri-grain bar Toast Cherry star juice Apple juice Milk	29
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Lunch Menu	A variety of milk is available every day. Chef salad and side salads are available every day at the high school. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.					1	
2	3 Chicken wrap Lettuce/diced tomatoes Peas Apple Graham cracker Milk	4 Sloppy joe on bun Potato wedges Cooked carrots Applesauce Milk	5 Deli sub sandwich Garden salad Sun chips Mandarin oranges Milk	6 Creamed chicken on biscuit Green beans Mixed fruit Jello Milk	7 Pizza Corn Peaches Trail mix Milk	8	
9	10 Hot dog Baked beans Goldfish crackers Pears Milk	11 Pork roast Mashed potatoes w/gravy Green beans Roll Apple crisp Milk	12 Crispito Cheese sauce Bread Mixed vegetables Applesauce Milk	No School		15	
16	No School		18 Chili mac Green beans Bread Peaches Milk	19 Chicken patty on bun Broccoli Romaine salad Mixed fruit Milk	20 Hamburger on bun Tomato/onion slices Oven fries Pineapple Milk	21 Mini corn dog bites Peas Applesauce Vanilla wafers Milk	22
23	24 Taco w/ salsa Lettuce Cooked carrots Peaches Pudding Milk	25 Chicken nuggets Corn Applesauce Cookies Milk	11:30 Dismissal SIP Day		27 BBQ Rib on bun Macaroni & cheese Green beans Mandarin oranges Milk	28 Assorted sandwiches Tri tater Lettuce salad Pineapple Milk	29
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Ad for Substitute Bus Driver

Substitute Bus Driver

Start Date: Immediately

Qualifications: Must be able to successfully pass a criminal background check, drug screen and physical exam (as mandated the Illinois Department of Transportation) and must have bus driver training course (CDL License with SBP CLASS B – school bus endorsement). Assistance can be provided to help you through the licensing process. Driver needs to be able to fill in on short notice to run morning and afternoon routes, as well as athletic and extra-curricular events. Any Questions, please contact Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent.

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