

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

The third nine weeks of the 2018-2019 school year ended on March 15th. It seems impossible that we can be that far into another school year, but we sure are. By the time you get this newsletter, we'll have 1 week of PARCC testing under our belt. The majority of the testing will happen after Easter Break. Remember, PARCC testing is for all 3rd – 8th Graders. Our Freshman – Juniors will be taking the tests later in April. It is essential that our students take this testing seriously and demonstrate what they know. As a district we do look at the data to help determine some (not all) of our students' needs. The last 4 years, Hartsburg-Emden students have been performing quite well when compared to State averages and other area schools, especially with our literacy component. Math had quite a jump last year as well. Literacy continues to be the greatest indicator of student success, which is why we continue to keep it as a priority.

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. The challenge for many small rural school districts will be – How do we deal with the new \$15.00 minimum wage?? The State of Illinois is also likely to pass a new minimum salary for teachers of \$40,000. In addition, the State is possibly going to change in the teacher retirement, to include a much greater cost to districts. How do we maintain being fiscally responsible when we are mandated by the State to pay more and yet they won't really increase funding

(since they claim Hartem is already a Tier III school – appropriately funded)??

We need to continue to pay very close attention to what is happening in Springfield as we begin to plan for the upcoming school years. Hartsburg-Emden School District will actively pursue sound financial decisions that continue to promote the best education for our students as we begin to plan for the next school year, with a full grasp and understanding of these external issues will 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 for our students.

APRIL BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES

19 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$38.00
19 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.30	\$5.70
19 Student Lunches	@\$2.65	\$50.35
19 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.40	\$7.60

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 \$3.15.

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.

As I write this article, our 12th graders have a little over 7 weeks before they graduate. It just doesn't seem possible. 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 IAR testing (formerly PARCC) in grades 3-8 over the next couple of weeks and our 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take the PSAT and SAT. 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 got third place at the IESA 7-1A State Tournament and 8th Grade Volleyball Team won the IESA 8-1A State Championship against Peoria Limestone Walters. Congratulations to all of our players and coaches on outstanding seasons. March also has brought us the start of Junior High Track, High School Baseball, High School Softball, and High School Track. Hopefully the weather will cooperate with us for our outdoor sports. Mr. Jodlowski 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, and Jr./Sr. High Musical will be performed in just a few weeks.

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. Go Stags!!!!

HARTEM FFA

Kenyon Jodlowski, Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor

The Hartem FFA Chapter has had a busy month of March! We started out the month with strawberry deliveries. We sold 110 flats this year and would like to thank all of those who bought strawberries from us this year! We then had our District FFA Proficiencies, where Sami Perschall was the District Winner in Agricultural Processing. Sami was the first Hartem student since 2015 to win District Proficiencies. She then moved on to State Proficiencies at the University of Illinois on March 23rd and represented the chapter well. The FFA also attended the Logan County Farm Bureau Acquaintance Day on March 15th, followed by the Logan County Ag Scholarship Breakfast on March 21st. At the breakfast, two of our FFA members, Brody Baker and Sierra Smith, were recipients of scholarships. Brody Baker was also named the Section 14 winner in Prepared Public Speaking on March 20th. He will advance to the District competition on April 10th.

FFA Events in April:

April 10th: District 3 Prepared Public Speaking Contest
April 18th: Section 14 Livestock Judging CDE
April 26th: State Livestock Judging CDE

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Counselor

Can you believe that it's April already?! The spring semester is always a busy time with sports, state testing, promotion/graduation, etc. There are about 9 more weeks of school left in the school year, and with that comes the excitement and anticipation of summer. It is important for students to continue to arrive to school on time and put their best effort in each class until the end of the year. State testing continues this month. Students will wrap up IAR testing around April 5th. In addition, 11th grade students will take the SAT on April 9th, 9th grade will take the PSAT 8/9 on April 10th, and 10th grade will take the PSAT 10 on April 11th. It is important for students to get an adequate amount of sleep and a healthy breakfast to ensure they do their best on test days. It can be a very stressful time, but our teachers have been preparing the students for these tests and I believe they will do well. Students will also be choosing their 2019-2020 schedules during this month. Students should be checking with me to determine requirements towards graduation and assistance in choosing the most challenging and appropriate classes for the upcoming year. As always, if you have any questions regarding scheduling, grades, or graduation requirements, please see your counselor. Best of luck in this final stretch of the year!

PSAT/SAT Information

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students are mandated to participate in the PSAT/SAT assessment this year. All 3 assessments will begin promptly at 8:30 am. It is EXTREMELY important that students are in attendance on the day they are assigned to test. Please plan accordingly. Students will be taking each test off-site at the Hartsburg American Legion Hall. I will be sending a detailed letter home with important information about test day. Students will be instructed to arrive to school, as normal, and then they will be transported or will walk to the Legion Hall at 8:30 am. Late arrival will not be allowed after the test begins. Please encourage students to put their best effort forward on these assessments.

Freshman Orientation

There will be a Freshman Orientation held on April 25th at 6:00 pm in the high school computer lab. Current 8th grade students and a parent are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. Students will have an opportunity to choose their 2019-2020 classes during this meeting. We will also cover an overview of required courses for graduation, grading scales, and highlights of elective offerings.

BAND DEPARTMENT

Hannah Blackwell, 6-12 Band/Chorus Teacher

The Hartsburg-Emden music department will proudly present this year's musical, *West Side Story*, on April 5 and 6 at 7pm. Come out to witness the story of two star-crossed lovers and their attempt to find love despite the places they come from. The students have been working a very long time preparing this show, and we are very excited to share it with you!

Select middle school students were selected to perform in the Logan County Music Festival, an honor band and choir made up of all the students in the Logan County schools. It was a very fun time where the students were able to learn a lot about music and improve their personal musicianship.

Finally, the second semester concert will take place on May 10 at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matthew 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, the 71A 3rd place team, and the 81A state champs. We will honor those teams along with JHBK, JHCH, HSBK, HSCH, and HSSC on Tuesday, March 26th at 5:30 in the high school gymnasium.

The month of April is filled with high school baseball and softball games as well as jr. high and high school track meets. Let's enjoy some spring weather while cheering on those Stags.

LIBRARY NEWS

****correction**** It's Jarrett Lerner who donated his books last month, not Jarred.

Thank you to Maddie Thomas and Ben Folkman for both donating multiple books to the school's libraries.

The LOCAL winners for the book awards were:
Monarch (k-2) *Creepy Pair of Underwear* by Aaron Reynolds
Bluestem (3-5) *A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord
Lincoln (teen) *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
Thank you to all who voted!

Student Book Review

If I Should Die Before I Wake by Han Nolan
Chana was young during the war. She was forced into Auschwitz. Her whole family was forced into the camp. Her father was sent into working in the camp, her mother was gassed, and the rest of her family she doesn't know about. Hilary wrecked her motorcycle when she got her name changed. She was in the hospital for a while. She has flashbacks from the war and Auschwitz.

I would suggest this book to anyone interested in reading about World War II.

-Wyatt Leinenbach

Thanks for writing, Wyatt! If your student would like to submit a book review, please contact Mrs. Folkman at nfolkman@hartem.org.



EL MAZATLAN SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Come join the Class of 2019 for a night of great Mexican food at El Mazatlan Restaurant in Lincoln on Wednesday, April 10th. The Senior Class will be there for the supper fundraiser! The seniors get a portion of the sales for the night! So come on out, enjoy a night of Mexican food and help support the Class of 2019!

YEARBOOK NEWS

Looking for a vintage yearbook? We have select years and limited quantities from 1954-2018 for \$30-\$40 depending on the year. Call the school or e-mail Mrs. Folkman at nfolkman@hartem.org with inquiries. Selling these vintage yearbooks helps us keep the cost of new yearbooks down.

Do you have a business? Know an alum who would like to sponsor the yearbook? We are now selling yearbook ads for the 2019 yearbook. Packages start at \$40 and you have the option to buy a discounted yearbook.

Follow the yearbook on Instagram @thehartemantler or like us on Facebook at facebook.com/HartemAntler. Get your 2019 yearbook before spring break and save! Right now the yearbook is \$35. After spring break it's \$40 and then if there are any extra next school year (when they arrive), they will be \$45.

PROM 2019

The Class of 2020 would like to invite the everyone to the Jr./Sr. Prom Grand March on Saturday, April 13, 2019. It will begin at 4:30pm at Hartsburg-Emden High School gymnasium.

KINDERGARTEN FALL 2019

If your child will be 5 years old before September 1, 2019, 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. **School registration** for the 2019-20 school year will be **Monday, July 15th 12:00-7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 16th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at the high school office in Hartsburg. Fees must be paid at this time and you must bring your child's certified birth certificate from the County Clerk (hospital certificate is not acceptable) and social security number. Your child will need to have a physical (dated after 8-19-18), up-to-date immunizations, lead screening, and eye exam **prior** to the first day of school. He/she will also need a dental exam before May 15, 2020.

There will be a kindergarten open house the afternoon of May 1st from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parents are invited to bring their kindergartener to meet their teacher and explore the classroom.

A grade school open house will be scheduled before school starts in August to visit the classroom and bring school supplies. More information will be sent closer to the beginning of school. We are looking forward to meeting our new students and parents.

HARTSBURG-EMDEN ALUMNI BANQUET

The 92nd Annual Alumni Banquet of Hartsburg-Emden High School will begin at 6:30 pm on June 8, 2019, at the Emden Community House in Emden, Illinois. Invitations to the banquet will be sent out the first week of May. Anyone who did not receive an invitation but would like to attend the banquet may send a request via email to coach_spencer@hotmail.com.

Anniversary classes being honored this year include: 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014 and the Senior Class of 2019.

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 Ron Spencer at 8923 Blooming Grove Road, Bloomington, IL 61705 or email to coach_spencer@hotmail.com.

Officers of the 2019 Alumni Association are Ron Spencer ('89), President; Ginny Sparks Smith ('00), Vice-President; Greg Phillips ('89), Treasurer; Carole Metz Knipp ('62), Cheryl Rademaker Renfrow ('62) & Jim Scales ('62), Corresponding Secretaries; Jillyn Cross Thorton ('08), Recording Secretary.



JR. BETA CLUB INDUCTION

Lynn Curry, Sponsor

Congratulations to the following 6th and 7th grade students who were inducted into Junior Beta on March 20, 2019. The National Beta Club is a student honor society that honors students based on academic achievement, excellent character and good citizenship. The National Beta Club recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, fosters leadership skills, grants scholarships, and provides a setting for students to develop interpersonal skills. 6th grade inductees were: Andrew Hayes, Zoe Miller, Logan Palladini, Jonah Robison, Avery Rohlf, Ethan Simonton, Kylie Starcevic and Sadie Williams. 7th grade inductees were: Noah Doolin and Jace Whitted.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Emden Elementary will be starting their JUMP ROPE FOR HEART activities with the official kick-off March 28th! We will be raising funds for the good cause until the day of the jump on Wednesday, April 17th 12:00-2:00.

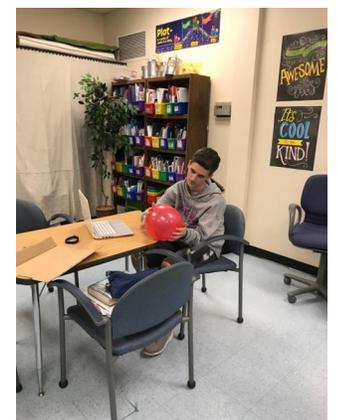
PRACTICE JUMPING ROPE!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

Emden Elementary raised over \$700.00 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society this year in our Pennies for Patients – Thanks to all our students for being so generous for this worthy cause. FIRST GRADE was our top raiser with close to \$200! They were so proud! We will celebrate with an extra recess for the winning Class! Great Job – Emden Elementary!

JUNIOR HIGH ART

Several junior high students had the opportunity to take an art elective third quarter. This is the first time in many years that art has been offered for Hartem students at the junior high. Students were introduced to some basic drawing techniques and each student has their own sketch pad that is theirs to keep so they can continue to add to it. As a final project, students had two choices. Many chose to make a project out of paper mache. Others chose to work on a project called diamond painting.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Emden Elementary would like to invite all the moms of K-5th Grade to come have breakfast with your child. Muffins with Mom will be Friday May 10th. We will start serving at 7:50. You are welcome to bring your child with you to school or meet them here as they get off their regular bus route. We will be serving a variety of muffins with coffee/milk. We look forward to seeing you there.

April

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
School Calendar	1 HSBB vs W-L 4:30 JH Sch Bowl vs MWC 4:00	2 HSBB @ Delavan 4:30 JH Sch Bowl vs Tri-City 4:00	3 JH Sch Bowl @ NH-M 4:00	4	5 HSBB vs Peoria Heights 4:30 Musical @ HS Gym 7:00	6 Musical @ HS Gym 7:00
7	8 7 th /8 th Gr. Art and 8 th Gr. Social Studies Field Trip 8:15-3:05 HSBB @ Springfield Lutheran 4:30	9 SAT-Juniors HSBB vs MWC 4:30 JHTRK @ MWC 4:15	10 PSAT-Freshmen 2:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting Sr. Fundraiser Supper @ El Mazatlan	11 PSAT-Sophomores 2 nd Gr. Mini Med Days Field Trip 12:00-3:00 HSBB @ Cuba 4:30 JHTRK @ Delavan 4:00	12	13 JHTRK @ Olympia Middle School 10:00 Grand March @ HS 4:30 Prom @ The Elks
14	15 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> HSBB vs IC 4:30 JHTRK @ Havana 4:15	16 HSBB vs LeRoy 4:30 JHTRK @ IC 4:00	17 Jump Rope for Heart @ GS 12:00-2:00 2:00 Dismissal	18 No School HSBB vs El Paso-Gridley @ IWU 7:00	19 <i>Qtr 4 Prog. Rpt</i> No School	20
21 	22 No School HSBB vs Havana 4:30 JHTRK @ IC 4:00	23 HSBB @ MP 4:30	24	25 HSBB vs Blue Ridge 4:30 Freshmen Orientation @ HS Computer Lab 6:00	26 Spanish field trip to Bloomington 10-3	27 HSBB vs Peoria Christian (DH) 10:00 JHTRK @ PORTA JH 9:00
28	29 HSBB vs PORTA 4:30 (Sr. Night)	30 HSBB @ Lexington 4:30				

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Breakfast Menu	1 Cereal bar Pears Orange juice	2 Pancake & sausage On a stick Pineapple Orange juice	3 Trix yogurt Graham crackers Pears Orange juice	4 Assorted muffins Applesauce Orange juice	5 Chicken slider on biscuit Peaches Orange juice	6
7	8 Assorted cereal Toast (HS) Mandarin oranges Apple juice	9 Bagel Cream cheese Mixed fruit Apple juice	10 Donut Apricots Apple juice	11 Pop tart Toast Pineapple Apple juice	12 Pancakes Mandarin oranges Apple juice	13
14	15 Fruit frudel Cheese stick Peaches Orange juice	16 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Orange juice	17 Biscuit Egg patty Mixed fruit Orange juice	18 No School	19 No School	20
21	22 No School	23 Mini pancakes Cherry star juice Apple juice	24 English muffin Sausage patty Applesauce Apple juice	25 Nutri grain bar Toast Peaches Apple juice	26 Egg & cheese taco Pears Apple juice	27
28	29 Peanut butter & Jelly jamwich Cheese stick Mixed fruit Orange juice	30 Pancakes Mandarin oranges Orange juice	A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.			

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Lunch Menu	1 BBQ Rib on bun French fries Broccoli Pineapple	2 Creamed chicken On biscuit Corn Jello Pears	3 Tater tot casserole Green beans Bread Applesauce	4 Crispito with Cheese sauce Bread Peas Peaches	5 Assorted sandwiches Fresh veggies Dip Hard pretzels Mandarin oranges	6
7	8 Pulled pork on bun Pasta salad Baked beans Mixed fruit	9 Popcorn chicken bowl Mashed potatoes w/gravy Corn Roll Apricots	10 Hamburger on bun Bean salsa Tortilla chips Lettuce salad Pineapple	11 Chicken nuggets Macaroni & cheese Cooked carrots Mandarin oranges	12 Pizza Lettuce salad Mini carrots peaches	13
14	15 Hot ham & cheese On bun Peas Baked beans Pineapple	16 Country fried steak Mashed potatoes w/gravy Roll Green beans Mixed fruit Cake	17 Hot dog on bun Potato smiles Corn Applesauce	18 No School	19 No School	20
21	22 No School	23 Chicken & noodles Bread Green beans Applesauce Rice krispy treat	24 Pork tenderloin On bun Baked beans Lettuce salad Peaches	25 Walking taco Salsa Lettuce & Cheese Corn Pears	26 Chicken patty on bun Tri tater Cooked carrots Mixed fruit	27
28	29 Quesadilla pizza Lettuce salad Corn Mandarin oranges	30 Sloppy joe on bun Nachos & cheese Peas Applesauce	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.			

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HARTEM CLOVERS COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS FOR NATIONAL 4-H DAY OF SERVICE



Hartem Clovers 4-H Club will be conducting a local food drive on Sunday, April 14th from 4 - 5 PM at the Emden Grade School. This food collection will be contributed to the county wide collection on National 4-H Day of Service!

Logan County 4-H has set a goal to collect 2019 items for local Food Pantries on the 2019 National 4-H Day of Service which will take place on Saturday, April 27. 4-H club members and volunteers plan to address food insecurity issues and host a 4-H Food Drive at Lincoln IGA from 10 am – 1 pm. All items/donations collected will be given to Logan County based Food Pantries!

Common items always needed by local food pantries include: canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti & egg noodles, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, cereal, Jell-O, tuna, soups, navy or pinto beans, pancake mix & syrup, macaroni & cheese and toilet paper. Community members are also encouraged to shop at Lincoln IGA on April 27th and pick up a few items to donate to the food drive.

Contact Angela Westen (217-737-7650) or Brianna Eeten (217-671-6830), Hartem Clovers club leaders, with any questions.