

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

It continues to be a great time to be a Hartem Stag!! Our school has received some positive recognition and word is traveling. For the 1st time since 2010, enrollment is up. I really believe that Hartsburg-Emden C.U.S.D. #21 is on the right trend. Continual growth and a positive work/learning environment continue to be the focus of the staff. We continue to make advances with school pride and academic confidence in our students. With that said, we often want our students to seek challenges and persist through difficulty. But so often, we see students try to take the easy way out, who give up at the first signs of difficulty, or who get frustrated at constructive feedback. However, struggles for students can be beneficial. All students, especially high-performing students, can fall prey to anxiety about failure. My point is that many students feel very vulnerable in school. For many children, school is above all a place where they are tested and judged, often publicly, and feelings of inadequacy can happen. We frequently place a high expectation on children and are intolerant of failure. We don't intend to make children feel vulnerable and we don't want them to avoid taking risks that would allow them to grow, but that is often what happens.

Students associate mistakes with failure. Most students dread the word mistake, especially a public one. Most adults fear making public mistakes as well. However, we often hear people say that they've learned more from their mistakes than from their successes. A student recently told me, when I asked him why he didn't even attempt a difficult math problem, that he didn't want to make a mistake. Making a mistake makes you feel stupid (a failure), and then you get embarrassed. I think many of us can relate to this. In this case, it wasn't that the student couldn't attempt the problem, but he didn't want to take the risk of failure or "feeling stupid", so, he chose to avoid the challenge. The good news is that it's within our power to change this by creating a risk-tolerant learning environment. We need to help students understand the value mistakes play during the learning process. Mistakes are a terrific opportunity to learn. Learning requires stretching students beyond their comfort zone. Mistakes happen and we must learn from them.

Having a growth mindset helps tremendously. When a mistake happens, we need to praise the risk-taking, not criticize the outcome. Focus student's attention on continual growth, rather than fixed knowledge base. Keep their attention on effort and strategy. Make challenge-seeking and knowledge-seeking a priority, rather than a fixed outcome or grade. Encourage students to always look for the next challenge. This inspires students to take on more responsibility for their own learning. It is also important to separate a mistake from a failure. Making a mistake while attempting something new and learning from it, is something completely different than making a wrong choice. In both cases, we may say the student made a mistake. But in the 1st case, the mistake shows effort and a willingness to learn. We need to make a clear distinction between the two situations.

As I said earlier, this is a great time to be a Hartem Stag!! We have a lot of great things happening in our schools. I believe the future of our schools remains bright. We continue to work hard to keep it that way. Literacy still is the number one indicator for college success, which is why it will remain our top priority. However, Hartsburg-Emden will always continue to move forward with everything we do. We are staying committed to a continual growth mindset and are looking to improve each and every school year. Along with a positive school culture filled with school pride, Hartem students are being put on the right path for lifelong success. As our mission statement says, "***allowing students to reach their full potential.***" We thank you for your support and we are hoping for an early Spring.

FEBRUARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH COSTS

19 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$38.00
19 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.40	\$7.60
18 Student Lunches	@\$2.65	\$47.70
18 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.60	\$10.80

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. 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.

FFA NEWS

Elizabeth Fanning, FFA Sponsor

Don't forget the FFA is selling FRESH strawberries. They will be in the first two weeks of March. We will call you when they arrive. 1 Flat is \$28, 1/2 Flat is \$15, and 1 quart is \$4. Call Ms. Fanning at the high school 217-642-5244 to place your order.

FFA members will be celebrating FFA week February 19-23. We have many contests coming up. Members will be participating in Section Proficiencies, Parliamentary Procedure, Food Science, 212 Conference and more in February.

The Horticulture class and FFA members will be getting seedlings and plugs started in the greenhouse for our Spring Plant Sale!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

Happy New Year!!! I would like to welcome everyone back to the second semester of our school year. This is a very busy time around Hartem with several extracurricular activities occurring nightly. Please take a moment to check the calendar for upcoming events and come on out to an activity and cheer on our teams and clubs.

While attending our events, we are asking for your support in providing positive role-models for our student-athletes. The involvement of our students in athletics and activities contributes to the development of their value system and moral compass. Trustworthiness, citizenship, caring, cooperation, and respect are lifetime values that are taught through interscholastic activities and are principles of good sportsmanship and character. With these principles, the spirit of competition thrives, fueled by honest rivalry, courteous relations, and grateful acceptance of the results. Unfortunately, Hartsburg-Emden has had 2 ejections during the basketball season and has had to write a sportsmanship plan to remain in compliance with the IESA. Any future ejections could put our standing with the IESA at risk for ALL athletics.

As a review, the following are the expectations of our fans:

- Understand the purpose of educational athletics goes above and beyond wins and losses– to build character and team building skills.

- Accept all decisions of officials and coaches. Please let the coaches coach, the officials officiate, and the players play.
- Applaud good plays and please don't ridicule or shout negative comments at your child or any other student-athlete, coach, or official.
- Make your cheers supportive and positive and not instructions as to how to play or who should play.
- Be a positive role model through your own actions. Remain calm, positive, and composed during games.
- There is enough pressure on kids. Added pressure from reacting to the mistakes they make, being critical and negative, and heightened emotions create unneeded stress and take away from the fun of the game.

We have made a commitment to IESA to promote good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches, and spectators at all Hartem athletic events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials, the coach, or any student-athletes (including your own) will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the event site.

Thank you for your promotion of good sportsmanship as we build character of our students within the context of interscholastic athletics.

GO STAGS!!!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor

National School Counseling Week (Feb 5-9)

February brings an exciting time for school counselors across the nation because we get to celebrate National School Counseling Week! National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated from Feb. 5-9, 2018, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. The special week honoring school counselors provides recognition for school counselors who "implement comprehensive school counseling programs, a vital part of the educational process for all students as they meet the challenges of the 21st century."

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During this week, I highlight important aspects of the school counselor's job and encourage mental health awareness. School counselors are actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents; for working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world; for focusing on positive ways to enhance students' social/personal, educational and career development; and working with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. I love being a school counselor for Hartsburg-Emden and I am excited to help students on their journey. Students— If you ever want to chat about what you can do to make a difference, stop by and talk to me!

Random Acts of Kindness Week (Feb 12-16)

Emden Grade School will be celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Week on February 12th – 16th. This week will be dedicated to spreading kindness and empathy to all students, staff, and our community. Each day will focus on a different topic and will include student challenges. Each day's theme will be: Make Someone Smile Monday, Teamwork Tuesday, Welcoming Wednesday, Thankful Thursday, and Friendship Friday. We hope that students will take ideas from this week and continue to spread kindness throughout the year. It is one week that is devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible. The message we want to promote to students is that **KINDNESS MATTERS**. Our entire student body is encouraged to participate in creating a school culture of acceptance, tolerance, unity and respect.

“No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.” ~ Amelia Earhart

Scholarships

I recently posted a ton of new scholarships to my counseling calendar and website. Be sure to check them out and see if you are eligible! There are several that have a deadline of March 1st. You can view the Counseling Events calendar on the home page of my website and descriptions of each

scholarship under the College & Career tab (www.hartemcounseling.weebly.com).

Dual-Credit Courses

Are you interested in taking college classes while still in high school? Dual credit is an opportunity for students in grades 11-12 to take classes in high school and one or more college level classes on an online university. Dual credit courses are a great opportunity to receive extra high school credit AND earn college credit towards Gen. Eds. The courses that will be offered next year are: **HIST 102** (Western Civilization Since 1500) and **BUSN 110** (Introduction to Business).

Qualifications:

If you are interested in taking a Dual Credit course next year (AY 17-18), you **MUST** complete a Heartland application and ACCUPLACER Assessment (or submit a qualifying score) by March 30th in order to be eligible to enroll in the course. Students can submit qualifying ACT and/or SAT scores in place of the ACCUPLACER. Contact Mrs. Feltes for more details.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

The first month of 2017 started off cold and icy, but hopefully the Stags are ready to warm things up. The junior high basketball teams finished their season in the regionals at the end of January. Both teams worked hard 'til the end and never gave up. The high school basketball teams are in the second half of their seasons. The boys will have home games on Feb 2, 3, 6, and their Senior Night on the 16th against Heyworth. Coach Garber and the varsity team will then start regionals on February 19th. Coach Bolen and the fr/so team will be in our 66th Annual Frosh Tourney starting on February 24th.

The junior high volleyball teams have begun their season and hope to continue their success in the month of February. They will have home matches on February 1, 12, 22, with eighth grade night being on the 22nd against Olympia. The 8th graders will also host the Logan County Tournament on February 23rd.

Good luck to all coaches and players as they continue to represent Hartsburg and Emden!

COACHES VS. CANCER

Coach Garber, Matt Stoltzenburg-AD, Diane Swart-Volunteer

Our fund raising night will be Feb 6th against Tremont High School. We will be having a dinner, raffle, honoring Survivors, and luminaries set up. The dinner will be Avanti's gondolas, chips, pickle, drink, dessert, and will go from 4:30 to 6:00. Please come out to root for our Basketball Team and raise money to help in the fight against cancer.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

The Hartem High School Civics and American Government class would like to thank the school staff, students and community members for the outpouring of support for our fundraiser for the Illinois Children's Hospital. We were able to have boxes at numerous locations including the Emden Bank, home basketball games, grade school concert and office. We had three over-filled boxes and a few large bags of puzzles, blankets, coloring books and many other wonderful items. The Civics class also created over 50 cards to go along with the gifts and they were delivered by Mrs. Simonton on Saturday to the hospital in Peoria.

Thank You

JH VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISER

The Jr. High Volleyball Team is hosting a FAT BOYS BBQ supper on Monday, February 12th from 4:30-6:00. Meal tickets are \$8.00 and include: PULLED PORK SANDWICH, BAKED BEANS, COLE SLAW, PEGGY'S PLACE HOMEMADE COOKIE, AND DRINK. Tickets will be sold by all the JHVB players and coaches. Tickets can be bought in advance or at the door, carry-outs are available. Thank you you're your continued to support!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS AT EMDEN

Emden Elementary is participating in Pennies for Patients again this year. Students will collect loose change from Feb 5th – 23rd. All money raised goes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help fight blood cancers. Help us reach our goal of \$500!

HARTEM POST PROM TRIVIA NIGHT

The Post Prom Committee is gearing up for our next event! The venue has been secured and the trivia questions are being prepared. Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, February 17th at the Emden Community House. The doors open at 6:30 and trivia will begin at 7:00. You can bring your own snacks and drinks again this year. Cheats will be available, and several \$1.00 games to play for prizes as well! The cost is \$100 per table and the limit is 10 people per table. Please call Jennifer Hayes at the grade school (217) 376-3151 to reserve your table. There is a form in this newsletter for you to fill out and return if you are interested. We will also put a form on the Hartem website. Space is limited. Deadline for entries is FEB. 10th! We hope to see you all there!

CLASS OF 2019 FUNDRAISER MEAL

The Class of 2019 will be hosting the world famous Mr. Wisniewski Homemade Chili Supper in conjunction with HSBK Senior Night and Spirit Week on Friday, Feb. 16th at the high school cafeteria from 5:00-6:00. We will be serving chili, hot dogs, carrots, celery, and homemade cinnamon rolls! The cost is DONATION! So come on out and support your STAGS as they celebrate HARTEM HOMECOMING 2018 and help the Class of 2019 prepare for PROM! GO STAGS!!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Susan Wilson, Librarian

Don Asher and Dottie Russell gave the high school library the book Brotherband: Scorpion Mountain in memory of Kaleb Hoerbert. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Leesman, in memory of Mrs. Effie Rademaker, donated the 2 Dr. Seuss books, Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose and The King's Stilts. The school district has been awarded a School District Library Grant, in the amount of \$750 to provide support for the library media program, that I applied for from the Illinois State Library. The Scholastic Bookfair will be held at Emden Elementary March 12- March 16. Mark your calendars! Ashton Aderman donated 5 Minute Avenger Stories and Snow Treasure to the Emden Library. Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting the grade school and high school libraries.

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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 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA JHVB vs. CC 6:00 HS Sch Bowl @ Delavan 5:00	2 Qtr 3 Progress Rpts HSBK vs. IB 6:00	3 JHBK-7A State TBA HSBK vs. Athens 5:00
4	5	6 WYSE Competition @ Lincoln Land Comm. College 8:15-3:15 JHVB @ MP 5:00 HSBK vs. Tremont 6:00 Coaches vs. Cancer Meal HS Caf� 4:30-6:00	7 JHBK-8A Sect. TBA FFA-Proficiencies @ Athens	8 JHBK-7A State TBA JHVB @ Little Flower 6:00 HS Sch Bowl-Host 5:00	9 Logan County Solo and Ensemble @ MP Grade School 4:30	10 JHBK-8A State TBA HSBK @ Blue Ridge 5:00
11	12 JHVB Fundraiser Meal HS Caf� 4:30-6:00 JHVB vs. Chiddix 6:00 HSBK-Spirit Week	13 HSBK @ MWC 6:00	14	15 JHBK-8A State TBA JHVB @ MWC 6:00 FFA-Food Science @ Lincoln 4:30 HS Sch Bowl @ IB 5:00 JH Sch Bowl @ LJHS 4:00	16 5th Gr. Wellness Expo @ Lincoln Rec 8:30 JHVB @ LoCo Tourn @ MP-TBA Class of 2019 Chili Supper HS Caf� 5:00-6:00 HSBK vs .Heyworth 6:00 (Sr. Night & Homecoming Game) 11:30 Dismissal SIP Day	17 JHVB @ Effingham 8 th Grade Tourn. TBA JHVB-7 th LoCo Tourn @ MP-TBA HS Sch Bowl-Masonic Tourn @ New Berlin 9:00 Post Prom Trivia @ Emden Comm. House Doors open-6:30 Trivia starts-7:00
18	19 Nat'l FFA Week HSBK-1A Reg. TBA No School	20 HSBK-1A Reg. TBA JHVB @ WLB 5:00	21 JH Sch Bowl-Host 4:00	22 HSBK-1A Reg. TBA JHVB vs. Olympia 6:00 (8 th Gr. Night) FFA-State Degree Awards @ Athens 8:00 HS Sch Bowl @ MWC 5:00	23 HSBK-1A Reg. TBA JHVB-Host 8 th LoCo Tourn 4:00 Freshmen Fish Fry Fundraiser 4:00-7:00	24 HSBK-Host Fresh/Soph Tourn 9:00 JHVB-7A Reg. TBA
25	26 Board Mtg 7:00 HSBK-Host Fr/So Tourn 6:00 JHVB-7A Reg. TBA	27 HSBK-1A Sect. TBA JHVB-7A Reg. TBA JH Sch Bowl @ Olympia Middle School 4:00	28 HSBK-1A Sect. TBA JHVB-7A Reg. TBA 2:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting			

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A variety of milk is available every day.
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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 Biscuit Sausage patty Apricots Apple juice	2 French toast sticks Peaches Apple juice	3
4	5 Eggo mini waffles Mixed fruit Orange juice	6 Fruit frudel Pineapple Orange juice	7 Donut Trail mix Orange juice	8 Pop tart Toast Applesauce Orange juice	9 Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Orange juice	10
11	12 English muffin Egg patty Pears Apple juice	13 Pancake & sausage On a stick Pineapple Apple juice	14 Pancakes Mandarin oranges Apple juice	15 Strawberry yogurt Strawberries Toast Apple juice	16 Breakfast pizza Applesauce Apple juice	17
18	19 No School	20 French toast Cherry star juice Orange juice	21 Peanut butter & Jelly jamwich Mixed fruit Orange juice	22 Assorted cereal Pears Orange juice	23 Bagel Cream cheese Peaches Orange juice	24
25	26 Biscuit Egg patty Applesauce Apple juice	27 Cereal bar Toast Mandarin oranges Apple juice	28 Waffles Pineapple Apple juice			

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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>
Lunch Menu	<p>A variety of milk is available every day.</p> <p>Chef salad and side salads are available every day at the high school.</p> <p>This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</p>					
				<p>1</p> <p>Pizza Tossed salad Mini carrots Peaches Pudding</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Chicken patty on bun Broccoli Mixed fruit Graham cracker</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hot ham & cheese On bun Tri tater Mixed vegetables Pineapple</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Chicken strips Garden salad Bread Peaches Vanilla wafers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pulled pork on bun Peas French fries Applesauce</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Creamed chicken on biscuit Green beans Mixed fruit Jello</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Toasted cheese sandwich Tomato soup Crackers Mini carrots Pears</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Crispito Cheese sauce Cooked carrots Bread Pineapple Italian ice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Beef tater tot casserole Green beans Bread Mandarin oranges</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hamburger on bun Chili bean dip Chips Strawberries Cake</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pig in a blanket Baked beans Lettuce salad Applesauce</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:30 Dismissal SIP Day</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Mini corn dog bites Sun chips Corn Mixed fruit</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Chili with crackers Carrot/celery sticks Pears Cinnamon roll</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pork BBQ rib on bun Potato smiles Peas Peaches</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Fish Macaroni & cheese Green beans Applesauce Juice bar</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Grilled chicken wrap Lettuce/tomatoes Cooked carrots Mandarin oranges Trail mix</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Nacho supreme Salsa/lettuce Refried beans Corn Pineapple</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Chicken fried steak Mashed potatoes Green beans Bread Peaches</p>			

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