# Hartsburg-Emden CUSD No. 21 Jandary 2017 Newsletter 

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent
I have been in education for over 20 years. My career consists of coaching Freshman Basketball (4A) while assisting at the Varsity level for 4 years at Bradley-Bourbonnais High School. I also coached basketball at the $5^{\text {th }} \& 6^{\text {th }}$ grade level at Donovan Junior High. In addition, I coached for several years at the youth league levels. Basketball coaching was the only sport I ever coached. It also happened to be my favorite sport to watch, play, study, learn, and teach. My wife frequently called me a basketball junkie because when I was coaching; basketball was all I talked about from October to March. That coaching career quickly came to an end for me after I entered administration. However, my love for all sports (not just basketball) has always been strong. The competitive nature and team comradery are important in the development of kids. It is extremely easy to get caught up in a sport and express dissatisfaction in something. Most of us like to win and hate to lose. It is not uncommon to be caught in a position where you do not represent yourself or the school in a very positive manner. I have to admit that I still get emotional about these activities; I really want to see our kids be successful. However, whether we are a parent, player, coach, staff member, or spectator, it is critical that we model good sportsmanship. Our kids learn from our actions maybe more than any other source. What we do or say does influence them. Please keep this in mind when attending sporting events. I also would hope that all of you find an opportunity to come out and watch our students compete. There is something wonderful about watching students (at each of the levels) compete. More specific, I've really enjoyed the Hartem athletic experience . . . there is a terrific sense of comradery about being a Hartem Stag. So, check out our website (or come in and get a pocket calendar) and come enjoy a game with us. Go Stags!!

With winter here, I'd like to remind everyone that every day in school is an important one for our kids. Attendance is important. However, the weather causes frequent and sudden changes in school and activities. Our bus routes may be slowed down as safety becomes the highest concern. We will use School Reach messages to keep everyone informed of any changes.

We also have several local media sources we use in case of cancelations. We will make sure we get the word out to you as soon as possible. It is also important to keep your children dressed warmly. If the temperature is below freezing, please have a jacket or coat on. It is easy to get caught in a situation where there is no heat. Again, appropriate safety measures become a concern this time of year.

Christmas Break - wow! Christmas is a season associated with great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. It often is a busy time, with expectations of fun and joy with our families. However, for some people, Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family, and friends. Others are saddened at Christmastime when a loved one is not be able to come home for the holiday for various reasons. A kind word or gesture to those who are less fortunate can go such a long way. It is important that we keep in mind all the things we've personally been blessed with and be considerate of those who may have some struggles. Everything that makes Christmas what it is . . . sure makes it a truly special time of year. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!!

\section*{Jandary Breakfast \& Lunch Costs <br> | 19 Student Breakfasts | $@ \$ 2.00$ | $\$ 38.00$ |
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| 19 Reduced Student Breakfasts | $@ \$ 0.35$ | $\$ 6.65$ |
| 19 Student Lunches | $@ \$ 2.55$ | $\$ 48.45$ |
| 19 Reduced Student Lunches | $@ \$ 0.50$ | $\$ 9.50$ |}

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.

## FFA NEWS

Elizabeth Fanning, FFA Sponsor We had a team of FFA members compete in the Section 14 Dairy Foods Contest and others that went to the Farm Bureau Acquaintance Day. We were able to tour Bottom Line Solutions and Sysco. The FFA and $4-\mathrm{H}$ will be holding their food drive in the Spring. We are very excited for the new opportunities the New Year will bring! We hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

## Principal's Message <br> Jon Leslie, Principal

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I want to extend my warmest holiday wishes on to you and all of your family. I know that the holiday season can be very busy. Take a moment to relax and enjoy some time doing the things that matter the most.

Last month, I briefly mentioned the 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school. You should have received a letter in the mail explaining the process. Please take part in this very important opportunity to give feedback to our District. All students in grades 6-12 will also be taking part in this anonymous survey. Parents of those students will also be receiving a letter explaining this along with an opt out form if parents so choose to not have their child(ren) take part in the survey.

December has been a very busy month and January will prove to be as well. Mr. Pluhm and Mrs. Jordan put on two very impressive Christmas Concerts. It is fun to get to see our students show off their musical talents. They work hard on a daily basis. If you had the opportunity to witness the concerts, you know first-hand that the hard work has paid off. Ms. Fanning and the FFA continue to represent the school well at their competitions. Scholastic bowl at the high school and junior high school level will also be competing $2^{\text {nd }}$ semester. Our athletic teams have been and will continue to be busy. Jr. High Basketball and Cheerleading is well underway and Jr. High Volleyball will be starting games soon. High School Basketball and Cheerleading is underway as well. Our Varsity team will be competing in the Marseilles Holiday Tournament over Christmas Break. I invite you to come to one of our several scheduled activities in January. Our students and coaches always do their best to represent our community in an outstanding way.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have witnessed first-hand what it means to live in a small supportive community. I would like to personally thank everyone that has lent a helping hand to families in need over this Holiday Season. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe, stay warm, and enjoy the Holiday Season!!!

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! As we finish $1^{\text {st }}$ semester and head into $2^{\text {nd }}$ semester, I would just like to share how extremely proud I am of our students. The school year has many successes and we're only midway through the year. I am also incredibly proud of the way this community has come together to aid and support families in need over the last few months. It's exactly the kind of compassion and generosity we try to instill in our students every day. The start of a new semester seems to be a time for both a renewal of the old and a look forward to the new. For all of us, it should be a time that we reflect on what we did well in the previous semester and to make attempts to better ourselves for the second semester. It is very important that despite some dark and cold weather in the winter months that we start the second semester with enthusiasm and a strong sense of purpose. It is expected that Hartsburg-Emden students continue to set goals and establish sound practices to help them achieve those goals. The spring semester is a busy time for students. Students will be selecting classes for next year, taking standardized tests including PARCC, SAT, and the Illinois Science Assessment, and meeting daily demands of classes and programs in which they are involved. Each day provides an opportunity for students to improve and take advantage of the educational opportunities at HEHS. Students should utilize every opportunity to get the help needed for grade improvement. We strongly encourage parents to contact your student's teachers and to track student progress with the Tyler system. 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: ENGLISH 101 (Critical Reading \& Writing) and ENGLISH 102 (Multimodal Composition). If you are interested in taking a Dual Credit course next year (AY 17-18), you MUST complete a Heartland application by Jan. 31 and ACCUPLACER Assessment (or submit a qualifying score) by March 31 in order to be eligible to enroll in the course. Students can submit qualifying ACT, SAT, or PARCC scores in place of the ACCUPLACER. Contact Mrs. Feltes for more details.

HS Basketball Homecoming Week

Betty Jo Lessen, HS Cheer Coach
January 2017 will soon be upon us! That means more basketball and homecoming! This season homecoming week will be January 9-13. Mark your calendars!! With 2 home basketball games that week against Havana on Tuesday the 10th and Friday the $13^{\text {th }}$ (it will be our lucky night!) against Lewistown. The Student Council has planned the Spirit Week dress up days and they are as follows:

Monday-Baby Day<br>Tuesday-Hippy Day<br>Wednesday-Future Career Day<br>Thursday-Formal Day<br>Friday-Orange \& Black Day

Our Junior Varsity and Varsity squads have been very exciting to watch already this season and we hope you will all come out and show your support this week! The high school cheerleaders will be performing a dance during the half time of the varsity game as well! Looking forward to more great basketball in the New Year! Thanks for supporting Hartem sports!!!


Band NEWS
Calob Pluhm, $6^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ Band/Choir Director
High School Pep Band Schedule:
January 6th at 6:30
January 10th at 6:30
January 13th at 6:30
January 31st at 6:30

## Hartem Junior Class Prom Help

The Hartem Junior Class has been hard at work preparing for the 2017 Prom. The theme they have chosen is "Enchanted Forest". With Christmas holidays, here upon us, the students would like to ask that if you have any extra working lights you do not need please consider donating or loaning them to the Junior Class to use for prom.
Thank You from the Class of 2018!!!

## SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Hartem Social Studies classes have been doing hands on learning with student-led lessons. The $7^{\text {th }}$ grade class is currently studying the American Revolutionary War and students are almost finished creating 3-D replicas of their assigned battles of the war. The $8^{\text {th }}$ grade is learning about the Western Expansion after the Civil War and how it affects our nation's changing shape culturally and historically. World History recently presented their "Holidays Around the World" in which groups chose a country, holiday and created a presentation including class activity to represent the culture they chose. US History chose one of the 3 main holidays in the United States, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and SpanishAmerican Christmas. They had to give a presentation on the holiday and its origins including an activity such a using a dreidel to understand how other cultures have come together in the United States.

## "Fit For Hartem"

The junior high "Fit For Hartem" student for November is James McCree. James brings Positive sportsmanship, energy, game day attitude, and willingness to help fellow class mates and the teachers in his class every day. He is a true example of what "Fit For Hartem" means. Congrats James! Ms. Brooks would like to congratulate this student and thank them for what they bring and give every day!

## Grade School CATCH MVP

December CATCH MVP student of the month is Cloee O'Donoghue. Cloee is energetic, has an awesome attitude, positive sportsmanship and her willingness to participate is what makes her December CATCH MVP student of the month. Congrats Cloee! Thank you for being you!

## SAINT NICHOLAS

On December $5^{\text {th }}$, third through fifth grade students learned about St. Nicholas. Students learned a traditional St. Nicholas Eve dance and the tale of how St. Nicholas came to be. Mrs. Klokkenga and other community members invited an authentic accordion player to come in and play traditional St. Nicholas Eve songs. As the students left they were given a present of a candy cane and gingerbread cookie. Thank you to all that made this possible!


## Hartem Post Prom Trivia Night

The Post Prom Committee is gearing up for our next event! The venue has been secured and trivia questions are being prepared! Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, January $28^{\text {th }}$ at the Emden Community House. The doors will be open at 6:30 and trivia will begin at 7:00. You can bring your own snacks and drinks this year. Cheats will be available for purchase as well. The cost will be $\$ 100$ per table and each table will be limited to 10 players. Please call or text Nora Phillips at 217-671-4567 if you have any questions or would like to reserve a table. There is a form in this newsletter for you to fill out and return if you are interested. We will also put the form on the Hartem website. Space is limited. We hope to see you there!

## LIBRARY NEWS

Susan Wilson, Librarian
Mrs. Reber, 4th grade teacher at Emden, donated 3 books to the library. Replacing worn out copies of popular books is an ongoing job. "New" copies include The BFG, James and the Giant Peach, 2 copies of Hatchet, So B. It, and The Witches. We have 4 new books about tractors and farm machinery for the grade school, as well as a new book on bullying that was a memorial gift. The high school has one of the copies of Hatchet, Dairy Queen and My Life Next Door.


## Donuts With Dads-Thank You

Thanks to all the Dads, Grandpas, and Special Guests for coming to share our special day at Emden Elementary. We had such a great turnout! It was great seeing the entire cafeteria filled with love and memories! Thanks for coming!

## Every Clip Counts!!!



## Veterans Day Follow-Up

Area veterans were honored by the students of Emden Elementary at the annual Veterans Day Program on November $9^{\text {th }}$. We were pleased to welcome veterans and community members. We gathered to recognize and pay tribute to the men and women that have served in the military.

We welcomed Judy Smith as our guest speaker. Judy spoke about her daughter's military service. On behalf of the Lincoln Emblem Club she presented Emden Elementary with a flag.

Third grade shared the history of Veterans Day and also honored past and present members of the five military branches and presented all guest veterans with cards thanking them for their service. All students sang patriotic songs accompanied by Mrs. Rachel Jordan.

Leading up to the program a "Veterans Wall of Honor" was created. Community members sent in names of veterans as well as a donation. We are proud to donate $\$ 325.00$ to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

Thank you to all those that contributed time and effort to making this program an important memory for our students and veterans. The students at Emden Elementary once again thank the veterans for their service and sacrifice!



## HCC News

The Hartem Community Club is a parent volunteer organization that raises funds to help support our students, teachers, and elementary and junior high schools.

Our main fundraising efforts are done through the concession stand during our junior high games and the 12 Days of Christmas Raffle. This year, our goal for the raffle was to sell 500 tickets so we asked each student in grades $\mathrm{K}-7^{\text {th }}$ to sell 5 tickets each, equaling 500 total tickets. Unfortunately, we did not meet our goal and only 354 tickets were sold. We gave away a total of $\$ 2,400$ to our 12 winners- each winning $\$ 200$. The HCC made a profit of $\$ 1,140$. We greatly appreciate everyone who sold their tickets, or purchased a ticket for this raffle. We also greatly appreciate everyone who works the concession stand during a game or two. Both of these fundraisers help our children and school in many ways.

What are some of the ways the HCC has helped?
This year:

- Provided the funds for the junior high chorus students to attend the Springfield Symphony Orchestra
- Donated $\$ 200$ to Mrs. Folkman to use towards the purchase of Chrome Books
- Provided the funds for all K-5 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ grade students to see a Christmas movie at Arlee Theater

Last year:

- Provided the funds for $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade field trip to Indianapolis
- Provided the funds for all K-5th grade students to see a Christmas movie at Arlee Theater
- Provided the funds for the K-5 students field trip to Peoria Zoo
- Purchased the junior high softball team softball pants
- Donated pizza / cake for $7^{\text {th }}$ and $8^{\text {th }}$ grade volleyball state championship celebration
- Provided gifts to our teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Helped to set up / continue recycling efforts in our schools
- Provided funds to add tire chips to the grade school playground

The current officers of the HCC will be resigning their positions after this year. If you are interested in any of the following positions or if you would like to know how you can volunteer, please attend the HCC meeting in February, when we will be discussing the future of the HCC. The meeting will be held in the grade school cafeteria on Wednesday, February $\mathbf{1 5}^{\text {th }}$ at $\mathbf{6 : 3 0}$. As always, everyone is welcome- we hope to see you at next month's meeting.

> The following positions will need to be filled:
> President
> Vice-President
> Secretary $\quad$ Treasurer
> Building Representatives (2)-Grade school/Jr. High
> Concession Chairperson
> Fundraising Chairperson

## HARTEM RECYCLE RALLY IMPACTS

The recycling efforts of the Hartsburg-Emden communities has been making great strides. As of December 9, 2016, there have been 13,040 containers collected-which is approximately 579 pounds and $65 \%$ of the way towards our 20,000 goal. We have also conserved approximately 205 gallons of gasoline, improving the management of solid waste and diverting materials into the recycling stream. If you would like a container to have at home, please contact Mandy Cordray at 217-828-1363. We will reward students with great incentives to stay Waste Aware. We can all change the world one container at a time. Feel free to check out the website at PepsiCorecycling.com
Thank you from the Hartem Green Team!

## H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Through Praise \& Encouragement) Tutoring Program

HOPE kicked off its year with an OPEN House October 11, 2016. The families enjoyed fellowship with volunteers, decorating a cookie, and working together making a Patriotic craft to celebrate "America" and our patriotism! Seventeen (K-4) students are participating this year. HOPE, also welcomes our new student helpers; Ryan Kennedy, Ashlyn Duvall, \& Michelle Benner. The HOPE Team is thankful for 27 community and church members that volunteer on Tuesdays to make the HOPE program a fun, loving, learning, and successful experience for the children.

The volunteer greets their child at the church entrance, helps with attendance, and assists with the snack activity. Since our theme is "America/Patriotism", while the children are eating their snack Betty Gail is reading The Imagination Station chapter book "The Redcoats are Coming" It's about Americas' war with England. The cousins Beth and Patrick assist the revolutionaries by waking up the sleeping citizens of 1775 Concord before the redcoats come. The cousins meet Paul Revere, Samuel Adams, \& John Hancock. They help smuggle musket balls, sound the alarm that the redcoats are coming and deliver a secret message to Paul Revere.

After the snack, the volunteer listens to their child read in the church sanctuary. Students work in small groups for hands on math activities after reading. HOPE concludes the day making a craft \& singing or doing a "LOVE" project. HOPE "LOVE" Projects are special activities the children participate in to think about and help others. "LOVE" projects give our HOPE kids a positive self-image. Being nice, doing kind things for others is a good thing! The first "LOVE" project, students packed 31 school kits for Lutheran World Relief. It's difficult for our kids to believe that some families can't afford pencils and paper for school. For Veterans Day, the children made 30 cards and patriotic crafts for our community vets to show appreciation and thankfulness for their service. Twenty Operation Christmas Child boxes were packed for the Samaritan Purse Organization by the HOPE kids. They were very excited and challenged to arrange the fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and their personal note \& picture to bless other children around the world at Christmas. Nativity ornaments were made for nursing home residents \& shut-ins. Finally this year the children made Christmas ornaments for the HOPE Volunteers. The HOPE kids very much enjoy their participation in the "LOVE" Projects helping others feel love.

At HOPE, the children are learning about the 10 Commandments. We discussed our nation's constitution, political parties, and elections. The children took part in a mock election voting
 for "googly eyes" or "neon teeth". The exit polls were right...."googly eyes" won! The kids loved their participation!
 Snacks enjoyed at HOPE were creating Red, White, \& Blue Kabobs with graham crackers \& apple slices, Friendship Mix consisting of fish crackers, cheerios, RWB M\&M's, popcorn, \& peanuts. The kids decorated white cupcakes to look like Uncle Sam and ate grapes. At Thanksgiving they feasted on a Blessing Mix(bugles, pretzels, candy corn, dried fruit, \& pumpkin seeds.) They decorated a Rice Krispy Wreath with 5 pretzels to begin our Advent Church season. In December, they ate popcorn snowmen trying to find the RWB M\&M's anticipating and looking forward to more snow. December 13, they decorated their ice cream Dixie cups with Oreos, candy canes, sprinkles, and a Hershey kiss to create a Glacier treat to get ready for the cold winter season.


The HOPE Team-Deb, Dottie, Carol and Sylvia-would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers, the St. Peter's church council for providing shelves and a room for our books \& supplies, the WOW Organization \& members of St Peters for their generous monetary support, and Thrivent for grant donations. Without this community of support, the HOPE program could not exist. Continue to pray for our students, volunteers, and the HOPE program. HOPE next meeting date is Jan. 17, 2017.

A variety of milk is available every day.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Breakfast Menu | $2$ <br> No School | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3 \text { No School } \\ & \text { Teacher Institute } \end{aligned}$ | 4 <br> Cereal bar <br> Toast <br> Cherry star juice <br> Apple juice | 5 <br> Pancake and sausage <br> On a stick <br> Peaches <br> Apple juice | 6 <br> French toast sticks <br> Cheese stick <br> Pears <br> Apple juice | 7 |
| 8 | 9 <br> Egg and cheese On a biscuit Mandarin oranges Orange juice | 10 <br> Peanut butter and jelly <br> Jamwich <br> Applesauce <br> Orange juice | 11 <br> Pop tart <br> Toast <br> Pineapple <br> Orange juice | 12 <br> English muffin <br> Sausage patty Peaches Orange juice | 13 <br> Donut <br> Pears <br> Trail mix Orange juice | 14 |
| 15 | $16$ <br> No School | 17 <br> Fruit frudel <br> Cheese stick <br> Banana <br> Apple juice | 18 <br> Assorted muffins Apricots Apple juice | 19 <br> Yogurt <br> Toast <br> Mandarin oranges Apple juice | 20 <br> Egg and cheese taco Pineapple Apple juice | 21 |
| 22 | 23 <br> Sausage patty <br> Tri tater <br> Toast <br> Orange juice | 24 <br> Waffles <br> Trail mix <br> Peaches <br> Orange juice | 25 <br> Assorted cereal <br> Toast <br> Pears <br> Orange juice | 26 <br> Breakfast pizza <br> Pineapple <br> Orange juice | 27 <br> Cheese omelet <br> Toast <br> Applesauce Orange juice | 28 |
| 29 | 30 <br> Bagel <br> Cream cheese <br> Peaches <br> Apple juice | 31 <br> Pancakes <br> Cherry star juice Apple juice |  |  |  |  |



## HARTEM YEARBOOKS-UPDATE

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. During the month of November I was able to add yearbook from 1936, 1946 and 1967. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the HARTEM faithful and your help in meeting my goal. I have been able to collect 62 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: 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1960, 1961, 1975, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 2001. 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.

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