

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

One of the most important steps someone can take toward achieving their greatest potential in life is to learn to monitor their attitude and its impact on their work performance, relationships and everyone around them. Why is attitude important? When we begin talking about attitude, often this brings puzzled looks to people's faces. In truth, people generally don't have a high level of attitude awareness. People know if they are hungry or if their feet hurt, but they usually don't have a good handle on their attitude, especially children. Teachers often say to students "attitude is everything". Attitude governs the way students perceive the world and the way the world perceives them. We all have a choice. We can choose an inner dialogue of self-encouragement and self-motivation, or we can choose one of self-defeat and self-pity. It's a power we all have. Each of us encounters hard times, hurt feelings, heartache, and failure. The key is to realize it's not what happens to you that matters; it's how you choose to respond that gives you back control.

Bouncing back from failure turns out to be one of the best lessons a kid can learn. In fact, according to Angela Duckworth, Ph.D., a psychologist at the University of Pennsylvania, that skill (along with certain other character traits like grit and determination) matters more to a child's ability to reach his/her full potential than intelligence or grades. "The idea that kids have to get straight A's in everything and to take advanced classes is misguided," says Duckworth. Duckworth has been studying the role character plays in success since 2005. She's followed adults, West Point cadets, National Spelling Bee champions, and students at elite universities. In every case, she found that bouncing back from failure, grit, and determination were the most reliable predictor of a positive outcome. She found that the child who won the spelling bee wasn't necessarily smarter than their peers; he/she just worked a whole lot harder at studying words. Unlike IQ, which is relatively fixed, grit is something everyone can develop. Sure, some kids are naturally more gritty than others, but there's plenty you can do to help a child develop the stick-to-itiveness that will help each child succeed in whatever he/she wants to pursue.

Michael Jordan is widely considered to be the greatest basketball player of all time. In fact, he's arguably one of the greatest athletes of all time. He was a four-time gold medalist with USA Basketball, including winning two Olympic Gold Medals, and was twice named the USA Basketball Male Athlete of the Year. For more than a decade, he was the face of the NBA. Michael Jordan is a great example for success coming to someone after much invested time and effort ('hard work') and after experiencing failure. Michael Jordan often encourages young individuals by telling them to never fear failure, fear not trying, fear not giving your best, fear losing focus, but never fear failure itself. Failure is the path to success. Failure is the sign that you're headed in the right direction. To succeed twice as fast, work twice as hard, and maybe fail twice as much. Michael Jordan said, "I've never been afraid to fail." Failure means you haven't succeeded . . . yet!

Over the past five years, we've seen a lot of different things in public education, the new Common Core standards, PERA (*Performance Evaluation Reform Act – new teacher evaluation tool*), challenges to close the achievement gap, and continual funding issues. Hartsburg-Emden school district has addressed these important factors with grit – while working hard to re-establishing school pride and positive attitudes. Unless we are not afraid of failure, our students won't be either. Work Hard/Play Hard hasn't been just an important message we are trying to send to our students, it is something the staff is trying to model. We need to remind ourselves of that each day. We are here to help each child reach their fullest potential. Grit, failure, determination, and positive attitude are all important pieces to the puzzle.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, District Principal

Spring time and longer days are quickly approaching. I always love this time of year when the days get warmer and everything seems to come to life. Next month, starting April 4th, our students will begin to take the PARCC Tests. The testing period will last approximately 2-3 weeks. I would just like to remind parents that the PARCC Tests are for students in grades 3-8 and all students taking Algebra I and English I (grade level does not matter for High School students, if you are in either course, you must take the exam). Students will be tested on their proficiency in Reading and Mathematics. I ask you to encourage your child(ren) to take full

advantage of this opportunity to demonstrate all they have learned. We want all of our students to do their best! This is the 2nd year for this exam and it will be taken as an online format and is very interactive. I am anxious to see how our students perform this year. I encourage all parents to talk to their child(ren) and encourage them through this process. It can be a stressful time for them. On test days, make sure they get a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast. The teachers have spent a lot of time preparing them for the test this year and really want them to do their best. The teachers have a lot of confidence in our students and are hoping for positive results. As opposed to last year which had two separate testing windows (one in March and one in May) this year's PARCC test will only be the one session which is starting April 4th and lasting 2-3 weeks.

February was a very busy month here at Hartem. Our Junior High School Basketball Teams finished their seasons in the regional. I would like to thank and congratulate Coach Rademaker, Coach Briggs, Coach Langley, Coach Benner, all of the basketball players, and all of the cheerleaders for a great season. Congratulations to Alyssa Bridge on completing her final season as our lone competitor in girls' basketball. Our Jr. High Volleyball team will be beginning the State Series soon. Good luck to them in the post season. Our High School Scholastic Bowl Team has been competing on Thursdays this past month. They will be starting their post season soon, and Jr. High Scholastic Bowl will be in full swing very soon. Good luck to our High School Basketball Team that will be entering the post season the last week of February. Our WYSE team and Science Olympiad Teams competed and we had several students medal and place. Congratulations!!! The FFA added even more excitement to our month of February by celebrating National FFA week the last week of February. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Pluhm and our Pep Band. They have played at several of our Varsity Basketball Games this year and have done an excellent job.

I would like to personally thank all of our students that participate in our many extra-curricular activities. In a school our size, students are often involved in several things at the same time. Kudos to all of you. As we are down to the last few months of our school year, I would like to encourage all of you to take full advantage of what we to offer. Let's end the school year strong and be great

representatives of our school community. Please check the rest of this newsletter to find out all of what is coming up in the next several weeks.

On a final note, I would like to thank the Board of Education for choosing me to be the Principal for our District for the next three years. They voted to extend my contract through the 2018-2019 school year. It is an honor to serve as your Principal. I have immensely enjoyed my first year here at Hartem, and I look forward to great things in Our Future.

GO STAGS!!!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor

As we enter into the final quarter of the school year this month, I want to remind students that I am here to support in all academic endeavors. I encourage any student who has questions to visit the counseling office and to speak with the appropriate teacher. Scheduling for the upcoming year will be happening in the very near future. It is time to start thinking about what classes you are interested in for the 2016-2017 school year. For anyone interested in dual credit courses next year, there is one final assessment session at Heartland College. Sign up now, if you haven't already.

The FAFSA is now available. All Students planning to attend college in the fall must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free and electronic. If you have any questions or trouble completing this application, please do not hesitate to contact the counseling office.

Seniors are reminded to check the counseling webpage weekly as many new applications continue to arrive! Don't miss out on an opportunity to gain some financial assistance for college. Check the website weekly and ask your counselor if you need assistance. A link to the counseling webpage can be found on the Hartem website, under "Links and Resources".

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!



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

It's time for the madness. March is here, which means basketball buffets and the start of spring. Coach Garber, Coach Bolen, and the boys will be in their postseason tournaments. The regional begins the last week of February in Lewistown and the sectional will be on March 1st, 2nd, and 4th. The **64th annual** Hartsburg-Emden Fresh/Soph Tournament will be on February 27th, 29th, March 3rd, and 5th. Please try to get out and cheer on the boys as they finish their seasons.

Coach Hayes, Coach Eeten, and the girls will also be concluding their seasons in postseason play. The 7th grade regional is the first week of March and the 8th grade will be the second. Good luck to all the ladies in their quest for another strong ending.

I know it's hard to believe, but the spring sports are beginning their seasons. Coach Muntz is ready for his second season at the helm of the boys' baseball team. The baseball season begins on March 21st here against Midland. As for the softball team, it's a sad goodbye to Coach Gary Rankin as he steps down as head coach. Coach Rankin had been our coach for over a decade and deserves a big thank you for all he has done. **Thank you Gary!** John Robinson rejoins his softball roots to take over as our new head coach with John Hoerbert as his assistant. Good luck John and John. The girls will start their season in the SHG round robin on March 18th and 19th in Springfield.

The winter sports awards will be on March 29th at 6:00 in the high school gym. We will be honoring both of the basketball and cheer teams, as well as junior high volleyball and both scholastic bowl teams.



"FIT FOR HARTEM"

May Brooks, PE Teacher

At the grade school "Fit For Hartem" student for February is Addison Beekman! Addison is a true example of sportsmanship, full of energy, positive attitude, and respectful towards her classmates and teacher. Congrats Addison!

At the junior high level "Fit For Hartem" student for February is Jaedyn Rybolt. Jaedyn brings sportsmanship, high energy and positive enthusiasm to class every day. She is a true example of what "Fit For Hartem" truly means. Congrats Jaedyn!

Ms. Brooks would like to congratulate these students and thank them for what they bring and give every day!

POST PROM NEWS

Trivia Night was held on Sat, Feb 6th. We had an awesome crowd, some great competitions, and raised a lot of money for Post Prom! Thank you to Britta Langley for all of her hard work in order to make this event so successful. We would also like to thank Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Folkman for putting together such great trivia questions, for being our emcee and for tallying the answer sheets. Thank you to all who came out for Trivia Night in support of Post Prom!

Thank you to all the junior class parents that have worked the cake raffle table and donated cakes during the basketball season! We also want to thank Betty Jo Lessen, she donated baked goods for some of our raffles as well. Thank you to all who supported the cake raffle and half-court shot during the basketball games. Every little bit helps us meet our goal.

The Post Prom event this year will be held at the Emden Grade School. We are having Laser Tag, movies, games, and other fun events! This event is free to all Juniors, Seniors and their prom dates as well as the attendants for the prom. Any Junior or Senior who does not attend the prom is also invited. Everyone in attendance will go home with a gift and prizes! Juniors and Seniors are requested to sign up for this event in the High School office as well as fill out a permission slip for themselves and their date. Our committee has worked very hard to raise funds to provide this safe and wonderful event for our students. If you would still like to make a donation whether it is monetary or a prize, you can contact Tammy Zinser at 309-826-1617 or Shelly Shawgo at 217-737-1519. We will gladly accept any contribution you might have.

We are looking forward to a great event for our students!!!



FFA News

Liz Fanning, FFA Advisor

Wyatt Conrady's record book (SAE) advances on to district books. Congrats to Wyatt.

March is bringing many activities for the FFA. We will be participating in Ag Legislature Day, Women Changing the Face of Agriculture, Livestock Judging, and will be working the FFA Auction on March 12. Don't forget some FFA members are going to be Freezing for a Reason and participating in the Polar Plunge on March 19th. They could use help in raising \$100 per plunger in order to take the plunge!

Strawberries will be in the week of March 7th, as long as the weather cooperates. The FFA will be having a Plant Sale this Spring and will also have mums for sale in September.

The Hartsburg-Emden FFA Auction is scheduled for March 12, 2016. Consignments are now being taken. Contact Betsy Pech for more information. 217-737-7715.



HUNTER SAFETY CLINIC

There will be a Hunter Safety Clinic Friday, March 11th at 6:00pm and Saturday, March 12th at 9:00am at the Hartsburg Legion Building. Please contact Liz Fanning at the high school, 217-642-5244, or efanning@hartem.org to sign-up or for more information.

BAND NEWS



Calob Pluhm, JH/HS Band and Choir Instructor

Band/Choir Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who participated in our music fundraiser! Whether you helped sell, purchased items or found another way to contribute, your support was and always is much appreciated. All ordered items came in on Wednesday, February 24th so if you have not received your order yet, please contact your student sales rep or Mr. Pluhm.

Solo and Ensemble Contest: We have nine 6-8 grade students attending this contest which is located at the Johnson Center for the Performing Arts at Lincoln College. This contest immediately follows the school day on Friday, March 11. More information will be provided to participating students.

Upcoming Play: Rehearsals have begun for this years school play. Students grades 6 through 12 will be sharing their interpretation of the *Seussification of Romeo and Juliet* at 7pm on April 29th and 30th. Mark your calendars now because this is one show that you won't want to miss!

Hartem Live: Calling all Stags! We are on the search for talented students in our schools to share their talent with our community. Whether you are a shower singer, street magician, or ballet dancer now is your time to shine on stage! This year's event will be the evening of Friday, April 15th, so be sure to start preparing your act now. Stay on the lookout for more information, but if you have any questions please email cpluhm@hartem.org or call the high school.

JR. AND SR. BETA CLUB INDUCTION

The Hartem Junior Beta Club and Senior Beta Club will have their induction ceremonies on Wednesday, March 16, at 5:00 pm at the High School. Congratulations to all who are being inducted! HS inductees: Zach Phillips, Lexi Barry, Anna Hayes, Austin Hayes, Sierra Smith, Madison Farris, Hunter Buck, and Abbie Hoerbert. JH inductees will be announced at a later date.

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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 JHVB-7A Reg. @ Normal Epiphany 5:00 FFA- Ag Legislative Day	2 JHVB-7A Reg. @ Normal Epiphany 5:00 2:00 Dismissal Faculty Meeting	3 HSBK-Fresh/Soph Tournament 6:00	4 FFA-Women Changing Ag @ ISU 8:00am	5 HSBK-Fresh/Soph Tournament 9:00 JHVB-8A Reg. TBA
6 Sons of the American Legion Breakfast @ Emden Community House 7am-1pm	7 JHVB-8A Reg. TBA JHVB-7A Sect. TBA HS Sch. Bowl-Regional @ Williamsville vs. Tremont 4:30 No School	8 JHVB-8A Reg. TBA	9 <i>HCC Mtg. @ GS Cafeteria 6:30</i> JHVB-8A Reg. TBA	10 JHVB-8A Reg. TBA	11 <i>3rd Qtr. Report Cards 7th Gr. P.A.R.T.Y. @ LCU 8:30-2:30</i> Solo/Ensemble Contest @ Lincoln College 6:00-8:00 Hunter Safety Clinic @ Hartsburg Legion 6:00pm	12 JHVB-7A State TBA FFA Consignment Auction @ Hartsburg Township Shed 10:00 Hunter Safety Clinic @ Hartsburg Legion 9:00am
13	14 JHVB-8A Sect. TBA JH Sch. Bowl @ Carroll Catholic 4:00	15 JHVB-7A State TBA Spring Pictures @ Grade School 9:00	16 JR/SR Beta Club Induction @ HS Cafeteria 5:00	17 JH Sch. Bowl @ New Holland-Middletown 4:00	18 HSSB @ SHG-JV Round Robin 4:30 7 th Gr. Field Trip-Museum of Science & Industry	19 HSSB @ SHG-JV Round Robin TBA JHVB-8A State TBA
20	21 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> HSBB vs. Midland 4:30 HSSB vs. Midland 4:30	22 JHVB-8A State TBA HSBB @ Maroa-Forsyth 4:30 HSSB vs. Pleasant Plains 4:30 4 th Gr. Ag Days Field Trip-YMCA 8:30	23 2:00 Dismissal	24 HSBB vs. Dee-Mack 4:30 HSSB vs. Dee-Mack 4:30 No School	25 No School Good Friday	26
27 Easter Sunday	28 JHTRK @ Mt. Pulaski 4:00 No School	29 Winter Sports Awards @ HS Gym 6:00 JH Sch. Bowl-Host 4:00	30 Sr. Beta Club Blood Drive@ HS Gym 2pm-6pm HS Sch. Bowl Fundraiser @ Culver's 5pm-8pm	31 HSBB vs. Athens 4:30 HSSB vs. Athens 4:30		

MARCH

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

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Breakfast Menu		1 Sausage Bagel Pears Apple Juice	2 Cereal Bar Toast Sunset Juice Apple Juice	3 French Toast Cheese Stick Peaches Apple Juice	4 Biscuit Egg Patty Applesauce Apple Juice	5
6	7 No School	8 Breakfast Pizza Pears Orange Juice	9 Assorted Cereal Toast Peaches Orange Juice	10 Bagel Cream Cheese Pineapple Orange Juice	11 Biscuit Sausage Patty Pears Orange Juice	12
13	14 Sausage Patty Tri Tater Toast Apple Juice	15 French Toast Sticks Syrup Peaches Apple Juice	16 Nutri-Grain Bar Toast Sunset Juice Apple Juice	17 Fruit Frudel Cheese Stick Mandarin Oranges Apple Juice	18 Donut Toast Pineapple Apple Juice	19
20	21 Pancake & Sausage On A Stick Applesauce Orange Juice	22 Pop Tart Toast Mixed Fruit Orange Juice	23 Waffles with Syrup Pears Orange Juice	24 No School	25 No School	26
27 	28 No School	29 Peanut Butter & Jelly Jamwich Fruit Apple Juice	30 Trix Yogurt Toast Peaches Apple Juice	31 Pancakes Syrup Pineapple Apple Juice		

DISTRICT LUNCH POLICY CHANGES

Effective March 1st, our district lunch policy will be: Once your child has \$20 in charges he/she will not be allowed to receive seconds or any extras. Also, once your child has \$40 in charges he/she will not be allowed to receive a school lunch. They will be offered a peanut butter sandwich and a milk if they do not bring their own lunch. Students will not be allowed to acquire more than a \$40 deficit.

If you owe the district any outstanding fees or lunch charges, please contact the high school office at 217-642-5244 as soon as possible to set up a payment plan.

MARCH BREAKFAST & LUNCH COSTS

19 Student Breakfasts	@\$1.95	\$37.05
19 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.30	\$5.70
19 Student Lunches	@\$2.45	\$46.55
19 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.40	\$7.60

Students at Hartsburg-Emden Jr./Sr. High School 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 \$2.95.



LIBRARY NEWS

Susan Wilson, Librarian

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held later than usual this spring, in conjunction with Family Reading Night. The book fair will run Monday, April 25 through Friday, April 29. The Family Reading Night will be held on Tuesday, April 26. Lincoln Woman's Club Arts Committee donated the book, Abe Lincoln: His Wit and Wisdom From A-Z, to the Emden Library. Its arrival coincided perfectly with Abraham Lincoln's birthday and the book is already being used by classroom teachers.

Thank you so much for your timely gift.

HS STUDENT COUNCIL-COOL STAG SHADES

May Brooks, HS Student Council Sponsor

Hartem High School Student Council will be selling two styles of sunglasses. Both styles of sunglasses are black & orange with a Stag logo and word "stags" on the 80's style arms and "Stags" on the sports style arms. The sunglasses are **\$10.00 each** and the money is due at the time the order is placed. The sunglasses will be delivered in the spring. See order form enclosed in this month's newsletter!

DONATIONS FOR EASTER BASKETS

The Future Educators Association will be collecting donations for Easter baskets for the third year this season. We take between 50-75 Easter baskets filled with goodies to the children at Keifer School in Peoria, which serves area students with special needs and/ or who are housed with the Children's Home of Peoria. The baskets are for both boys and girl in late grade school through teenagers. Please consider donating items or money to our cause. Items and monetary donations can be brought to the offices of either school building. Deadline for donations is Friday, March 18th.

2016 YEARBOOK

Save money on the 2016 yearbook!!!

Right now, the price of the 2016 yearbook is \$30. After spring break, the cost will be \$35. Reserve your copy today! Only a limited number of books are purchased.

You can also still purchase an advertisement in the yearbook through Mar. 14. Contact Mrs. Folkman for details.

AMERICANISM ESSAY WINNERS


The Emden American Legion Auxiliary Unit #506 was pleased to receive Americanism essays from eighteen students of Mrs. Folkman. This year's topic was "Should there be term limits for our U.S. Senators and Representatives?" The Auxiliary wishes to express appreciation to Mrs. Folkman and to all the students who submitted the fine essays. Congratulations to the following students for their winning essays: 1st place-Zach Phillips, 2nd place-Joe Garcia, 3rd place-Emme Olson and Xavier Detmers. Cash prizes were awarded and Zach's essay will be entered in district competition.

SR. BETA CLUB BLOOD DRIVE

The Senior Beta Club is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, March 30 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm in the High School Gym. Contact Mr. Robinson jrobinson@hartem.org at the high school to schedule an appointment to donate blood. Walk-ins will be accepted the day of the blood drive.



MARCH

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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 Beef Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Bread Mandarin Oranges	2 Chicken & Noodles Peas Bread Peaches Pudding	3 Corn Dog Soft Pretzel Romaine Salad Mixed Vegetables Applesauce	4 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Carrots Pears	5
6	7 No School	8 Pork Tenderloin on Bun Broccoli Cooked Carrots Peaches	9 Taco Salsa/Lettuce/Tomato Corn Pineapple Jello	10 Chicken Patty on Bun Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Pears	11 Assorted Sandwiches Tri Tater Romaine Salad Applesauce	12
13	14 Hot Dog on Bun Sun Chips Baked Beans Peaches	15 Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Green Beans Roll Apple Crisp	16 Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun Sweet Potatoes Pasta Salad with Veggies Mandarin Oranges	17 Nacho Supreme Lettuce/Tomatoes Corn Pineapple Jello	18 Pizza Tossed Salad Mini Carrots Applesauce	19
20	21 Crispito Bread Peas Mixed Fruit Graham Crackers	22 Pork BBQ Rib on Bun Potato Smiles Green Beans Pears	23 Chicken Nuggets Corn Bread Applesauce Sunset Juice	24 No School	25 No School	26
27 	28 No School	29 Pig in the Blanket Baked Beans Peaches Trail Mix	30 Deli Turkey on Bun French Fries Cooked Carrots Pineapple	31 Chicken Strips Romaine Lettuce Salad Bread Corn Applesauce		

WYSE

This is the third year Hartsburg-Emden High School has participated in the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Academic Challenge, a competition that tests students in Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English, Engineering Graphics, and Computer Programming. This year we had a team of 12 students, which is impressive considering our small size. Our division for the competition consisted of schools with a high school enrollment of 300 or less, and while we placed 7th out of 9 as a team, we also outscored two schools in the 700 division and one in the 1500 division.

Though our overall score was not high enough to advance to the State competition as a team, we did have two students who medaled in their tests. Dylan Duvall, 9th grade, placed 3rd in the Computer Programming category, and Sierra Smith, 9th grade, placed 2nd in Physics. Sierra will be advancing to the State competition as an individual on March 8th. Congratulations!

This year, our regional competition fell during Homecoming Week's Character/Celebrity Day, and I was happy to see that several of our team members dressed up!



JH SCHOLASTIC BOWL

The Junior High Scholastic Bowl team is off to a strong start! Our A team defeated Zion Lutheran in our first match of the year, 190-165. This is one of our tougher competitors, and it was a great way to get our season rolling!

We have a full A and B team this year, but that doesn't mean we're not recruiting. If anyone is interested in joining Scholastic Bowl, especially 5th

and 6th graders, talk to Ms. Helton or Mrs. Hartman. We have many more matches throughout March and April before our regional on April 27th. Our practices are after school on Mondays and Wednesdays until 4:30 in the science lab. We would love to see you there!

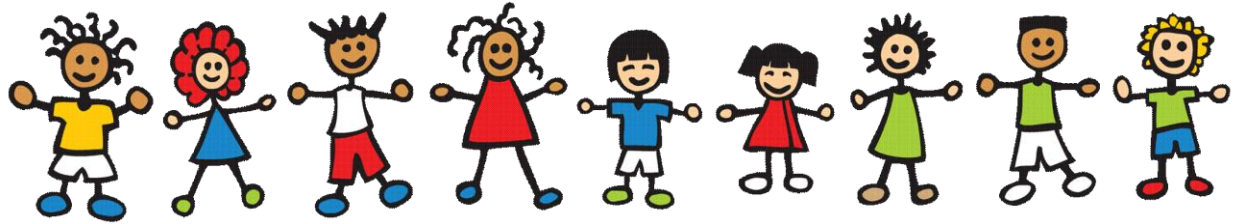
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

This year was the first year Hartsburg-Emden participated in Science Olympiad, a collection of competitive events designed for middle school and high school students. There are test-based events, like Fossils or Green Generation, and others where students need to build an apparatus in advance, like Robot Arm or Bridge Building. Science Olympiad gives students an opportunity to extend their knowledge and application of STEM fields beyond the school day.

Our team did remarkably well for their first year! Our team consisted of 10 students, while most other schools brought the maximum of 15 students. Science Olympiad does not divide schools up by size; one of the nine teams we competed against has an enrollment of 2,000 students. We only entered 10 of the 21 possible events. Even so, we placed 7th overall, and missed 6th place by one point! Additionally, our team was made up of four 8th graders, five 9th graders, and one senior, so we had a very young team. I am very excited for next year!

We had several teams medal, which I was not expecting. Most of the schools we played against have very well-established Science Olympiad teams. One of the downsides of Science Olympiad is that the regional is the first competition, and if you don't advance to State, it's the only competition of the year. Our students were experiencing their events for the very first time. Even so, Seth Evans placed 4th in Game On, an event where he had to create a computer game on a given science topic in 50 minutes. Dylan Duvall and Wyatt Conrady placed 4th with their bridge in Bridge Building, and Dylan Duvall and Austin Hayes placed 2nd for their wind turbine in Wind Power.

I told the team that our goal for this year was to have fun. Mission accomplished!



Spring Pre-School Screening Hartsburg-Emden School District

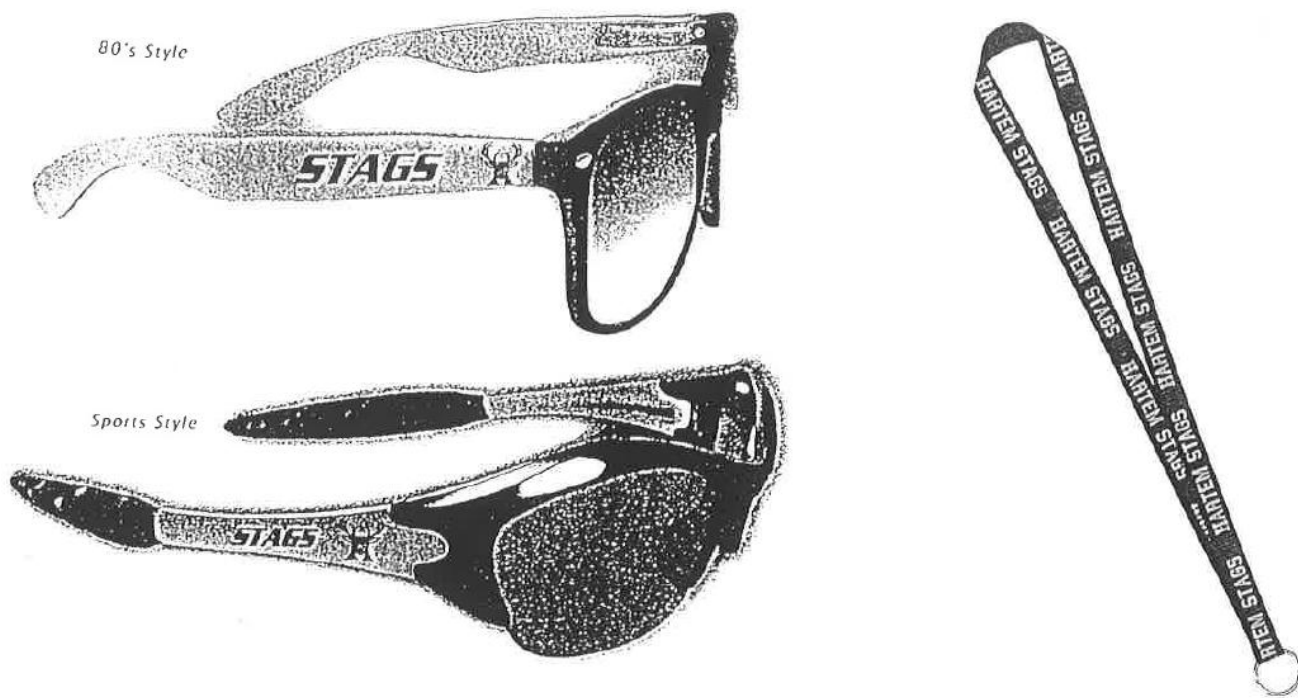
If you have a child who is 3-5 years of age, and live in the Hartsburg-Emden School District, you are invited to bring your child to Early Childhood Screenings.

When: Monday, April 4, 2016
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Please contact Cleola by March 29th at
Emden (217) 376-3151 to schedule an appointment.

Screenings will be conducted by
Tri-County Special Education Association.

If you have questions about the screening, please contact Ashley Aper (Special Education Administrator) @ 217-871-5454 or apera@tcsea.org



Hartem High School Student Council will be selling these two styles of sunglasses. Both styles of sunglasses are black & orange with a Stag logo and word "Stags" on the arm. The sunglasses are **\$10.00 each** and the money is due at the time the order is placed. The sunglasses will be delivered in this spring. The lanyard is black with "Hartem Stags" screen printed on one side in orange and is approximately 18" long with a O ring. The lanyards are **\$4.00 each**.

ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

Contact Hartem Student Council sponsor May Brooks at mbrooks@hartem.org for additional questions.

Return the bottom portion with payment to Grade School or Jr. /Sr. Office by March 11, 2016.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sunglasses can be sent home with: _____ Grade: _____

Quantity	Sunglasses Style	Price	Total
	80's Style	\$10.00	
	Sports Style	\$10.00	
	Hartem Stags Lanyard	\$ 4.00	
Total Due			

****Please make checks out to Hartem High School Student Council****

Thank You! We appreciate your support!

HS SCHOLASTIC BOWL FUNDRAISER

Nichole Folkman, Sponsor

Come out to Culver's on Wednesday, March 30th from 5pm-8pm to have a meal or a snack and be served by the high school scholastic bowl team. A portion of the proceeds from every sale from 5-8 that night go to the team to help pay for uniforms. The scholastic bowl team will also have other fun events for people who attend. Thank you for your support!



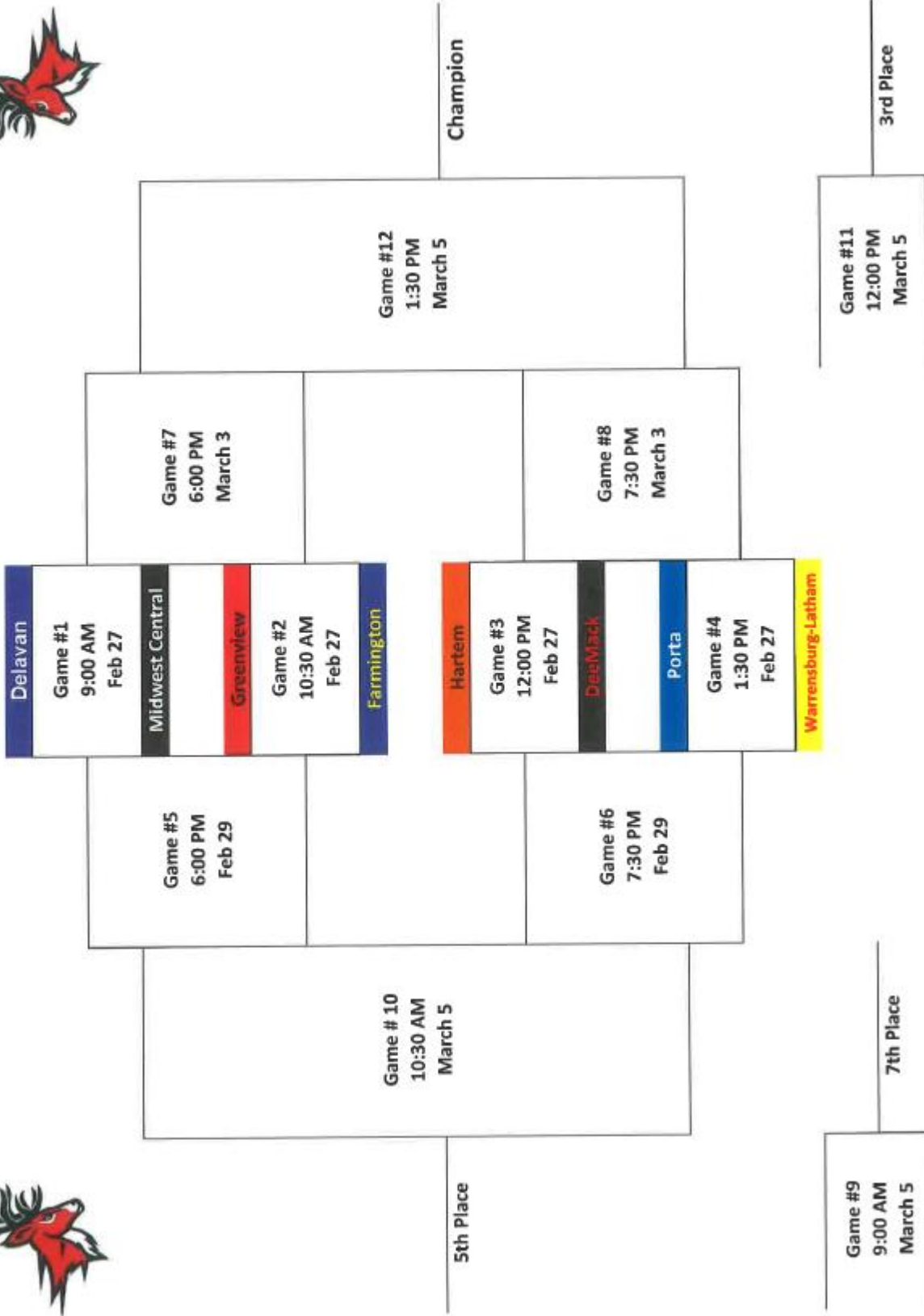
High School Scholastic Bowl Fundraiser Culver's-March 30th 5PM-8PM

**Come and join us for some great food and great fun.
A portion of each sale during this time goes directly
to the High School Scholastic Bowl Team.**

Food, fun, knowledge.

64th Annual Hartem Fresh-Soph Tournament

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The Hartsburg-Emden school district celebrated Basketball Homecoming week February 1st - February 5th. The week ended with an all-district assembly. Congratulations to the Seniors for winning the spirit trophy!

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