

# HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

## SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

Welcome Back!! I hope you had a summer to remember! The first few days of school were filled with the anticipation and excitement of the start of another school year. Everyone seemed to be in great spirits. We have a lot to celebrate. The preliminary results on the PARCC Test shows that our students are continuing to grow and be successful as we saw another year of gains. Mrs. Folkman, our High School English teacher, was nominated for Teacher of the Year for the State of Illinois. She has been selected as one of the **"Top Ten"** finalists in the State. I am confident she will represent Hartem well as she works her way through the competition. It is definitely an honor for her to be among the finalists. There will be more to come on these things . . . as they unfold. It continues to be a terrific honor and privilege for me to serve as Superintendent of Hartsburg-Emden School District. I look forward to working with everyone to meet all the challenges a small school district faces. Together we are making our district a great place to learn, work, and live.

As we enter another school year, I'd like to briefly talk about the importance of attendance. ***Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success, while being absent from school is often the greatest cause of poor performance and achievement.*** Basically, it is difficult to learn the material if you are absent regularly. Why is it important to attend school every day? Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons often build upon those of the previous day(s). Reading the material and completing work independently does not compensate for the loss of insight gained during class discussion or the loss of competency acquired through explanation or supervised drills. Many classes use lectures, discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent. Regular student participation in daily classroom activities plays a significant role in a student's school success. What are the risks of frequent absences? A child who does not attend school regularly will be unlikely to keep up with the work. The more students miss school, the lower their grades; the lower their grades, the less they want to stay in school; the less they want to stay in school, the more likely they will not be successful. Also, students who miss school are more likely to be

at-risk for anti-social behavior. What can parents do to help? Parents can model the value of education, including the importance of regular attendance. Make sure that your child goes to school regularly and arrives on time. You will establish a good habit that will carry through life. If your child starts missing school, work with the school to put things right. Let your child know that you do not approve of him/her missing school. If your child is ill or must miss school for some other reason, contact the school immediately. See to it that your child completes missed work. Whenever possible, arrange family vacations or shopping trips during school holidays. Also try to schedule routine doctor/dentist visits outside normal school hours. Try to make sure your child misses as little school as possible. Please take an interest in your child's school work and be involved in the school as much as possible. When you show your child that you value school and a good education, they too will value it. As the school year progresses, please remember, regular attendance is necessary for success in school. Help ensure that your child has the best opportunity for success by making sure he/she is in school each and every day.

Finally, I would like to take a minute to thank the Hartem Community Club (our K-8 parent organization) for everything they provide to our school. Our students are provided with great field trips, parties, educational material, playground material, and much more from this organization. They have contributed resources and time to our children which has enriched their lives. Thank you!!

Again, Welcome Back!! I'm looking forward to a terrific school year.

### SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES

21 Student Breakfasts.....	\$42.00
21 Student Reduced Breakfasts.....	\$7.35
20 Student Lunches.....	\$51.00
20 Student Reduced Lunches.....	\$10.00

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. 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.

Ad for Substitute Kitchen Help

Substitute Assistant Cook

Start Date: Immediately

Qualifications: Must be able to successfully pass a criminal background check, drug screen, TB test, and physical exam. Substitute Assistant Cooks needs to be able to fill in on short notice and will be provided on the job training to fulfill the duties of an assistant cook. Any Questions, please contact Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent.

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Ad for Substitute Bus Driver

Substitute Bus Driver

Start Date: Immediately

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

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Jon Leslie, District Principal

Welcome Back!!! I can hardly believe that we are already several days into the school year. This is an exciting time for everyone. I absolutely love when the hallways and classrooms come alive with student laughter and chatter. Our students are now into a daily school routine and are ready to be challenged on a daily basis. Our fall sports and activities are in the full swing of their seasons and are doing a fantastic job, and our teachers and staff are rested and are ready to give everything they have to educate and love your child.

We hired three (3) new teachers this summer. Here is a quick rundown of our new faculty.

Carrie Nevius

6-12 Special Education Teacher

Western Governors University

1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher



Laura Simonton

7-12 Social Studies Teacher

Illinois State University

1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher



Maria Cook

8-12 Science Teacher

Illinois State University

1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher



We here at Hartem are very excited to be back and look forward to both the joys and challenges that are ahead. Parent involvement is very important to us. Strong ties amongst school, family, and community are vital to student success. I am free to discuss any suggestions or concerns that students or parents may have.

Again, I am thrilled to serve another year as your Principal. I anticipate a great year, and I encourage you to become actively involved in our school community. We (our faculty and staff) look forward to continuing to work together as a team to provide your child with the very best educational experience possible. Go Stags!!!

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer. I am excited to see all of the students back to school and ready to start a new school year. I am looking forward to a great school year. Here are a few tips to help everyone kick off the new school year to a great start:

- **Get Involved!** It is important for students to not only have consistent attendance at school, but also have an active role in their classes and school community. School is not just about academics. It is also about learning from and making the most of social and extracurricular experiences. Talk to your teachers about what opportunities are available.
- **Make the most of your study time!** Put those study halls to good use. It is far easier to keep up than to catch up. The brain tends to more easily retrieve information that has been learned continuously rather than crammed in a few hours. If you devote thirty minutes every day to each subject, you will find yourself retaining information better.
- **Get to know your teachers and counselor!** Students who need help often do not ask for it or wait too long to get it. You will find that your teachers and counselors want to help you, but they cannot read your mind.
- **Keep a balance in your life!** School can be stressful and fast-paced at times. Taking care of yourself will help you through these times. Getting enough sleep each night, eating right, and spending some fun time with family and friends are key steps in staying physically healthy and mentally alert. All work and no play can make for an unhealthy student.
- **Set reasonable goals for yourself and periodically check your progress!** Take time now to determine what you want to accomplish this year. Tape your goals to the wall so you can remind yourself daily of what you hope to achieve. It works!

## Important Reminders for High School Students

### **PSAT**

The [PSAT/NMSQT](#) will be administered at HEHS on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. The deadline to register will be Friday September 23, 2016. The cost to take the test is \$15. See Mrs. Feltes ASAP to register. While this is not a required assessment, I strongly encourage all juniors to consider taking this test in the Fall 2016. Illinois will be administering the SAT to all Junior students in Spring 2017. The PSAT will be an excellent practice run for the SAT **and** students will have the opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

### **FAFSA**

The 2017–18 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA<sup>®</sup>) season will begin earlier than previous FAFSA application cycles. Beginning on Oct. 1, 2016, your students will be able to fill out the FAFSA for the 2017–18 school year. (In the past, they had to wait until January 1). In addition, applicants will no longer need to estimate income and tax information and will be able to retrieve their data directly from the IRS, right from the first day the FAFSA is available. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will report income information from two years prior, which in this case is 2015 income information—two tax years before the beginning of the school year. Students also will have information about their Expected Family Contributions earlier, helping them as they're going through the college application and selection process. For more information about the FAFSA, changes to this year, and resources visit:

<https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov>

As always, I am available to answer any questions you may have and help you through the process.



### **LIBRARY NEWS**

Susan Wilson, Librarian

The high school and elementary libraries are off to a great start with new books and plenty of popular titles! Students are enjoying the books they've checked out and 4th grade through 6th have already begun reading books from among the 20 titles offered in this year's Rebecca Caudill Yong Readers' Book Award selection. Look for many new titles in the weeks and months ahead at the two libraries. The Scholastic Book Fair will be held the week of Parent/Teacher Conferences, October 3-7!

*Thank  
You!*

### CLASS OF 2017 THANK YOU

We would like to thank the entire community for your support and generosity in our junior year. Moving the Grand March to the Emden Community House was a big change, but with your support it was a great success and we appreciate your flexibility. Your attendance at all of our events throughout the year was much appreciated. We look forward to our senior year and hope to see you at our graduation!

### HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS THANK YOU

On behalf of all of the cheerleaders and Cari, I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big THANK YOU to all of the members of the Hartem community who came out to El Mazatlan in support of our cheerleading fundraiser. We saw so many community members and family from Lincoln and the surrounding communities who came to eat and celebrate and enjoy themselves. It was a great night, a great event and Martine handed me a check before I left that night. We have such a great support system here and I appreciate your wonderful generosity!! GO STAGS!

### DISCOUNT CHEER CARDS

It's that time of year again when the Hartem Jr/Sr High School Cheerleaders will be selling their Discount Cards. We are currently hard at work renewing sponsors for the cards. We will be selling them for \$10 from September 18 through October 1. Please talk to one of the junior high or high school cheerleaders if they don't bug you first! These are a great deal and make great gifts!!! As always, thank you for your continued support of our programs!



### FFA NEWS

Liz Fanning, FFA Sponsor

FFA members were busy in August at the State Fair scooping barns and working the pork patio.

The FFA will be selling 5 varieties of mums after Labor Day. We will be selling them during school hours. We will be selling these mums \$8.00 a piece or 3 for \$21.00. These mums are grown in Illinois and are large varieties.

We are looking forward to a busy, fun-filled year!!



### BAND DEPARTMENT NEWS

Calob Pluhm, 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Band/Choir Teacher

Attention Band Parents:

On Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm there will be a meeting for beginning band students. I am hoping to provide information and clarification for what you can expect this year from our band program. Some topics will include how to obtain an instrument, what kind of commitment you can expect and why music is so important in the education of our students. Boyd Music, the store that we collaborate with, will also be present with information on instrument rental, instrument repair and more. Please join us and bring any questions you have!

Mark your Calendars:

All students in Band and Choir are expected to be present at our concerts this year. The dates are December 2, 2016 at 7:00pm and May 11, 2017 at 7:00pm. Both concerts will be held in the high school gymnasium.

Practice, Practice, Practice!

As we get back into another year of music it is important that students are making time for practicing their instruments. I encourage students to come up with a routine, for example, every day for 12 minutes before dinner. The more time a student spends on their instrument the more progress they will show and the more success that they will have. Please be encouraging of our students, especially in these beginning weeks of starting their instruments, and remember that even the greatest instrumentalists started with a sQuAwK!

In Need of Instruments:

If you have any instruments that are currently not being used, please consider donating them to our school. We are especially short on the woodwind instruments of flute, clarinet, and alto saxophone. I try to provide every student with the opportunity to play an instrument of choice, but with limited instruments that is not always a possibility. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please email [cpluhm@hartem.org](mailto:cpluhm@hartem.org) or call our school.

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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>
	<b>School Calendar</b>			<b>1</b> JHSB vs. Delavan 4:30 JHBB @ Logan Cty Play-In TBA HSVB vs. Dee-Mack 6:00 <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	<b>2</b> JHSB vs. Tremont 4:30 JHBB vs. MP 4:30  <b>2:00 Dismissal</b>	<b>3</b> JHBB @ Logan Cty Play-In TBA  HSVB @ Casey- Westfield Tourn. TBA
<b>4</b>	<b>No School Labor Day</b>	<b>6</b> JHSB vs. W-L 4:30 (8 <sup>th</sup> grade night) JHBB vs. Athens 4:30 Golf @ Crane Creek vs. IC/IB/MP 4:00 HSVB @ Lewistown 6:00	<b>7</b> JHSB-1A Reg. TBA Golf vs. Clinton And Tremont 4:00	<b>8</b> JHBB @ IC 4:15	<b>9</b> JHBB @ Heyworth 4:15	<b>10</b> JHSB-1A Reg. TBA
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> JHSB-1A Reg. TBA JHBB vs. MWC 4:30 Golf @ Country Hills Tomahawk Conf. 11:00 HSVB vs. Tremont 6:00	<b>13</b> JHBB-1A Reg. TBA Golf @ Weibring- Heyworth Inv. 1:00 HSVB @ Athens 6:00	<b>14</b> Golf vs. Williamsville and IB 4:00	<b>15</b> Golf vs. MWC/MP 4:00	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> JHSB-1A Sect. TBA JHBB-1A Reg. TBA  Class of 2019 Car Wash Fundraiser @ 4 Corners Lube 9-1
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> JHBB-1A Reg. TBA Golf @ Clinton Country Club Inv. 3:00 HSVB @ W-L 6:00 HSVB Homecoming Week	<b>20</b> Golf @ The Rail vs. Will/Riv/Pitts 4:00 HSVB vs. West Prairie 6:00-Homecoming Game	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> HSVB @ MP 6:00	<b>23</b> JHSB-1A State TBA	<b>24</b> JHSB-1A State TBA JHBB-1A Sect. TBA  Volleyball Homecoming Dance @ HS Café 8-10
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Golf @ Lake Wood vs. Havana 4:00	<b>27</b> Golf @ Country Hills vs. Greenview/IC/Virg 4:00  Picture Re-take Day GS @ 8:30 HS @ 10:15	<b>28</b>  <b>11:30 Dismissal SIP Day</b>	<b>29</b> Golf @ Highland Park vs. Central Catholic 4:00  HSVB vs. Williamsville 6:00	<b>30</b> JHBB-1A State TBA Golf @ Country Hills Greenview Inv. 3:30	

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	<b>Breakfast Menu</b>	<b>A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b>		<b>1</b> Bagel Cream cheese Peaches Apple juice	<b>2</b> Breakfast pizza Fruit cocktail Apple juice	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>No School Labor Day</b>	<b>6</b> Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Orange juice	<b>7</b> Assorted muffins Peaches Orange juice	<b>8</b> French toast sticks Pineapple Orange juice	<b>9</b> Egg and cheese taco Applesauce Orange juice	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Assorted cereal Toast Mixed fruit Apple juice	<b>13</b> Pancake & sausage On a stick Mandarin oranges Apple juice	<b>14</b> Trix yogurt Toast Peaches Apple juice	<b>15</b> Sausage bagel Pineapple Apple juice	<b>16</b> Nutri-grain bar Toast Sunset sip Apple juice	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Waffles Applesauce Orange juice	<b>20</b> Peanut butter and Jelly jamwich Banana Orange juice	<b>21</b> Biscuit Sausage patty Mixed fruit Orange juice	<b>22</b> Apple frudel Peaches Orange juice	<b>23</b> Cereal bar Toast Applesauce Orange juice	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Donut Toast Apricots Apple juice	<b>27</b> French toast Mixed fruit Apple juice	<b>28</b> Cheese omelet Toast Peaches Apple juice	<b>29</b> English muffin Egg patty Sunset sip Apple juice	<b>30</b> Cooks' Choice	

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	<b>Lunch Menu</b>	<b>A variety of milk is available every day. Chef salad &amp; side salads are available every day at the high school. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b>		<b>1</b> Grilled chicken wrap Tossed salad Cooked carrots Fruit cocktail	<b>2</b> Assorted sandwiches Tri tater Corn Pineapple	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>No School Labor Day</b>	<b>6</b> Chicken sticks Bread Peas Peaches Graham cracker	<b>7</b> Meatball sub with Marinara sauce Cottage cheese Corn Pineapple	<b>8</b> Hot dog on bun Baked beans Romaine salad Applesauce Juice bar	<b>9</b> Crispito w/ cheese sauce Cooked carrots Bread Mixed fruit Jello	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ham horseshoe French fries Garden salad Mandarin oranges	<b>13</b> Sloppy joe on bun Sun chips Green beans Peaches	<b>14</b> Deli turkey on bun Fresh veggies with dip Hard pretzels Pineapple	<b>15</b> Chicken fajita Salsa Refried beans with chips Corn Fresh apple	<b>16</b> Corn dog bites Pasta salad with veggies Peas Applesauce	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Hamburger on bun Tomato/onion slices Cole slaw Green beans Pears	<b>20</b> Nacho supreme Lettuce Diced tomatoes Corn Fresh mixed fruit	<b>21</b> BBQ Rib on bun Tater tots Peas Peaches	<b>22</b> Ham & cheese on bun Baked beans Applesauce Vanilla wafers	<b>23</b> Pizza Romaine lettuce salad Mini carrots Apricots	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Beef nuggets Corn Bread Garden salad Mixed fruit	<b>27</b> Chili mac Green beans Bread Peaches Jello	<b>28</b> <b>11:30 Dismissal SIP Day</b>	<b>29</b> Toasted cheese sandwich Tomato soup w/ crackers Mini carrots Pears	<b>30</b> Chicken patty on bun Bean salsa with chips Cooked carrots Pineapple	



## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

Welcome back to all you Hartem fans. School has started and our sports teams are in full stride.

The junior high softball team is over half done with their season already. Coach Rankin and the girls are nearly ready to begin their postseason play. The girls will have home games on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> with the last being 8<sup>th</sup> grade night. Their regional begins on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Coach Muntz found a new job and now the baseball team is led by first year head coach Jay McAfee along with his assistant Steve Farris. Both coaches and the boys are working hard and improving on a daily basis. You can see them at the high school field on September 2, 6, 12, as well as playing in the Logan County tournament on Sept 3. They will begin regional play on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

The golf team welcomes a new coach as well. Coach Robinson has taken over the golf program and has the boys swinging away. They will be in a couple of tournaments this month with the Tomahawk Conference Meet on September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Heyworth Invite the next day, and the Clinton Invite on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The golf team will have home matches on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta.

Our last fall sports team, the high school volleyball team, has gotten in a couple of matches already. We welcome new assistant Haylie Langley to our coaching staff alongside veteran head coach Jennifer Hayes. The girls will have home matches on September 1, 12, 19, and 29<sup>th</sup>. The girls also travel to Casey for a tournament on September 3. As the new seasons begin, I would like to ask that all fans show sportsmanship to all parties. Let's make sure that we are cheering for our hard working coaches and players and not tearing down officials, coaches, players, and other fans. Also, parents should make sure that if your son/daughter is not riding the bus home, you have signed them out with the coach. If there are other arrangements, make

sure the coach is aware of this and has written documentation of your plans. Good luck to everyone and let's have another great year!

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

High School Student Council still has a few Hartem 80's style sun glasses for sale, \$10.00 each and Hartem Stag lanyards for sale, \$4.00 each. First come, first serve. Please contact Ms. Brooks at [mbrooks@hartem.org](mailto:mbrooks@hartem.org)

## HARTEM VOLLEYBALL GEAR FUNDRAISER

The Hartem Volleyball Teams (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) are selling Hartem gear. There is a great Variety of items from Stag T-shirts to Stag backpacks. Both the High School and the Grade School office have forms as well as any volleyball player! So order your spirit wear and come support your STAGS!!

All forms and money are due Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## CLASS OF 2019 CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

The Hartem Sophomore Class will be holding a carwash on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00-1:30 at 4 Corners Lube in Lincoln.

The cost is DONATION. Bring us all your vehicles!



## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

The 2016 Volleyball Homecoming Week will be September 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. Our Homecoming Match and Pack the Place Night will be TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> vs. West Prairie at 6:00.

The week will consist of DRESS UP DAYS where each day Monday-Friday will have a theme for all classes K-12<sup>th</sup>. The class with the most participation will earn a pizza party! Friday will be the Homecoming Assembly with introduction of the team and class competitions.

The SEMI-FORMAL DANCE will be held at the high school on **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00-10:00pm**. Tickets will be available through Student Council members. Remember to sign up your out-of-town guests in the office!



## EMDEN ELEMENTARY NEWS

Welcome back to school, parents! Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school. Box Tops are each worth 10 cents and quickly add up to real cash for our school. Last school year, we earned \$683.10. All you have to do is clip Box Tops from participating products and send to school with your child. There are 2 redemption dates a year – Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. After our Box Tops are sent in, the school receives a check in December and April. Sign up at [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) to stay updated on our school's earnings. Members also receive exclusive coupon offers and recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash. If you have any questions, please contact me at 217-376-3151 or [cfletcher@hartem.org](mailto:cfletcher@hartem.org)



## ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-H.O.P.E. TUTORING PROGRAM

(Helping Others through Praise & Encouragement)

H.O.P.E. will begin October 18, 2016. It meets on Tuesday after school from 3:15-5:00 P.M.

An *OPEN HOUSE* is being planned for October 11, 2016 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church from 6-7 P.M. A note will be sent home with students in October with more details on this event. **Parents can pick up registration forms at the Emden Grade School Office. Registration forms are due back to Emden Office September 7. Space is limited due to volunteers available.** The program is for students in Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers listen to children read stories at their reading ability one on one in the church sanctuary.

The reading volunteer greets the child at the church entrance, helps with attendance, and assists in a snack activity. While the children are eating their snack, they listen to a read-aloud chapter book. The chapter book this year is The Imagination Station "The Redcoats Are Coming". After snack and individual reading, the children work in small groups for hands-on math activities. The program ends the day with music and a craft Bible activity. Throughout the H.O.P.E. year the children also participate in helping others. We call our special activities "Love" projects. We share cards and words of encouragement to our community veterans and vets in the Danville Hospital as well as community members in nursing homes. The children pack school supplies to help support Lutheran World Relief. Participation in Operation Christmas Child is another project the H.O.P.E. children enjoy being a part of.

This year, the H.O.P.E. Team is planning to focus our year around Patriotism. What does it mean to be an American and a Christian? An understanding of our nation's foundation while learning about national symbols is a goal. If you are interested in listening to a child read and helping them prepare their snack or helping Dottie Russell in the kitchen or helping with any other part of the program, we encourage you to contact Deb Batterton, Carol Reiners, or Sylvia Klokkenga.



**WELCOME BACK  
TO SCHOOL**

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