

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21 JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

At the beginning of this school year, I discussed with our staff the importance of relationships. I requested that Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 Schools need to be committed to creating and maintaining positive, mutually beneficial relationships with our students, families, staff, and community. Over the years, we have worked on a commitment of communication through various avenues. This school newsletter is just one of our many avenues. It is bulk-mailed to district members to help inform residents of the many great programs, student successes, and events in our district. Our website, www.hartem.org is another way we get our message out. Both of our school buildings diligently work to inform our families of classroom programs and upcoming events through parent bulletins, monthly newsletter articles, school reaches, and email. In addition to all of these currently used avenues, the district also uses social media to help communication efforts to better inform our families and community of what we are doing. Hartsburg-Emden Schools are currently using Facebook and Twitter. Yes, we are attempting to communicate through a variety of sources. However, anytime you need assistance with something, we also want you to know that you are welcome to contact the school. This push over the years for effective communication has helped us form highly efficient relationships. But this year, I was asking for more than efficiency.

The professional and positive relationships we develop with our students, parents, and community ensures that we are able to support the needs of our children (and their families). Positive relationships are important because they help children develop independence, self-esteem, and well-being. Children want and need positive, loving/caring relationships with the people closest to them. Students learn better from teachers who they feel have their best interest at heart. As you may expect, the opposite is also true. The strongest driver of low well-being is where children experience weak, uncaring (even negative) relationships. So, when a parent recently shared with me that he felt one of Hartsburg-Emden's greatest strengths was that the staff really seemed to care about the kids, I was pleased. The more we can foster and develop positive relationships, the better we will become.

Relationships are something that requires constant development.

On a personal note, another semester as the Superintendent of the Hartsburg-Emden School District is coming to a close and it continues to be an honor to serve in this capacity. I thank everyone (students, parents, board members, and staff) for the relationships I've developed with you over the past seven years. All-in-all, I truly enjoy our students, the school, the community, and the work. Being an educator, is where my passion has always lied. I value the continual growth mindset that education provides. I would like to finish by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! With the holidays just around the corner, I hope you are able to enjoy all the gifts you've been blessed with. Please keep in mind those who are less fortunate or may be missing someone this time of year. A heartfelt inquiry can go a long way to comfort someone. I look forward to second semester and additional opportunities for growth.

JANUARY BREAKFAST & LUNCH COSTS

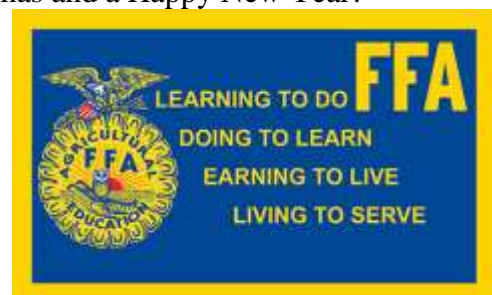
19 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$38.00
19 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.40	\$7.60
19 Student Lunches	@\$2.65	\$50.35
19 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.60	\$11.40

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

The Hartem FFA is ready for winter break. January will bring lots of CDE's and new projects. Please stop by Whistle Stop Park and view the memorial trees that are up. Don't forget we will be selling strawberries in February. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

Greetings!!!

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.

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 2nd 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. 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.

Looking ahead to the coming weeks, we will begin our second semester (3rd Quarter) on January 4th, 2018. Report cards for the first semester and 2nd quarter will be mailed out shortly after we get back from Christmas break. Parents, please help your children get back into the school routine as we look to begin the second half of our year.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe, stay warm, and enjoy the Holiday Season!!!
Go STAGS!!!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready to jump into second semester. 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.

Believing you have potential is a small part of the challenge. The hard work of realizing your potential starts with setting goals. In the New Year goal setting typically takes the form of New Year's Resolutions. As we all know, sticking to these resolutions can be difficult and often results in failure. Students are no different than us when it comes to setting and achieving goals. Here are some suggestions that are proven successful in helping people achieve the goals they set:

- Focus on one resolution or goal
- Break the goal into small manageable steps
- Share your goal with a friend who can support and hold you accountable
- Celebrate the small successes and milestones
- Focus your thinking on the new behavior and what that looks like—retraining your brain is key
- Focus on the present—what is the thing you can do now or today to work toward accomplishing the goal
- Do not live in the past or the future—you can only control what you do right now

Most of all, good luck in the New Year. I hope that everyone is able to realize their hopes and dreams for 2017 so that in 2018 we can look back with confidence about what we are able to accomplish when we set our minds to something.

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: **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 18-19), you MUST complete a Heartland application by March 1 and ACCUPLACER Assessment (or submit a qualifying score) by March 30 in order to be eligible to enroll in the course. Students may submit qualifying ACT or SAT scores in place of the ACCUPLACER. Contact Mrs. Feltes for more details.

BAND NEWS

Calob Pluhm, 6th-12th Band/Choir Director

Olivia Garcia has been selected as an All-State musician! Her hard work has secured her a place in this prestigious ensemble. Way to go Olivia!



THANK YOU!!!!!!

We would like to thank everyone in the community for helping with the local Angel tree and providing the children in our area with a much brighter Holiday season. This wouldn't be possible without your wonderful support!

We would like to wish you all a safe and wonderful Holiday season!

Mike and Laura Kavanaugh

Thank You

COACHES VS. CANCER

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

Our high school basketball team and cheerleaders are once again involved in Coaches vs. Cancer. Our fundraising game will be against Tremont on February 6, 2018. We will be having a dinner, raffle, Luminaries for loved ones and honoring survivors. From now until January 19th, we will be selling t-shirts with 100% of all proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. We will also be doing Luminaries "In Honor Of" and "In Memory Of" our loved ones. In this newsletter you will find order forms for each. Please fill them out and return to the high school office or Diane Swart. Thank you and we look forward to another successful fundraiser!

HARTEM GREEN TEAM

Happy New Year from the Hartem Green Team! We are excited to start 2018 off with new recycling opportunities to involve our staff, students, and community. We will have a table at the Wellness Expo on February 17th from 9:00-1:00. This is an important time in our lives to educate ourselves about waste awareness. We are a Rally School Recycler. There are designated containers located in both schools. Our goal is 100,000 containers. Please let us know if you are recycling plastic and aluminum. We issue punch cards for students and they will be rewarded for their recycling efforts. We are also recycling markers and plastic rings from bottled beverages. Please continue to save soda caps for Mrs. Simonton and Coca-Cola caps for Mrs. Folkman. Thank you for all of your support!!!

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. We hope to see you all there!

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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 No School	2 No School	3 Teacher Institute	4 JHBK vs. Cornerstone Christian Academy 6:00	5 HSBK @ MP 6:00	6 JHBK @ 7 th Gr. LoCo Tourn. 10:00 HSBK @ LCU Shootout @ LCU 1:00
7	8 JHVB vs. Our Lady of Lourdes 6:00	9 JHBK vs. Limestone Walters 6:00 (8 th Gr. Night) HSBK @ Havana 6:00	10	11 JHBK @ 7 th Gr. LoCo Tourn. TBA JHVB @ Delavan 6:00 HS Sch. Bowl-Host 5:00	12 HSBK @ Lewistown 6:00	13 JHBK @ 8 th Gr. LoCo Tourn. 10:00
14	15 No School	16 HSBK vs. Greenview 6:00 JHVB @ W-L 6:00	17	18 JHBK @ 8 th Gr. LoCo Tourn. TBA JHVB vs. IC 6:00 HS Sch. Bowl @ IC 5:00	19 HSBK @ Quest Charter Academy 6:00	20 JHBK-7A Reg. TBA HSBK @ Auburn/Spfld Lutheran Tourn. TBA JHVB-7 th Gr @ IC 8:00 Round Robin
21	22 <i>Board Mtg. 7:00</i> JHBK-7A Reg. TBA HSBK @ Auburn/Spfld Lutheran Tourn. TBA JHVB vs. Limestone Walters 6:00	23 JHBK-7A Reg. TBA HSBK @ Auburn/Spfld Lutheran Tourn. TBA JHVB @ CEL 4:00	24 HSBK @ Aub/Spfld Lutheran Tourn. TBA	25 JHBK-7A Reg. TBA HSBK @ Aub./Spfld Lutheran Tourn. TBA JHVB vs. BJHS 6:00 HS Sch. Bowl @ MWC 5:00	26 HSBK @ Aub./Spfld Lutheran Tourn. TBA	27 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA HSBK @ Aub./Spfld Lutheran Tourn. TBA JHVB @ MP 8A Tourn. TBA
28	29 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA JHVB @ Dee-Mack 4:30	30 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA HSBK @ Decatur Christian 6:00	31 Sr. Beta Club Blood Drive@ HS Gym 10-2 JHBK-7A Sect. TBA FFA-Parliamentary Procedure at MP 4:00			

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We have had a great first semester of school! We have been very busy learning our letters, sounds, sight words, numbers, and shapes. We have had many visitors to our room as well: Mrs. Amy Hyde teaching us about Ag in the Classroom and Miss Sarah Carr teaching us about Organ Wise and keeping our bodies healthy. Needless to say, we have a lot of fun learning in our classroom.

We also got a wonderful surprise at the beginning of December. I applied for a One Class at a Time grant through HOI ABC News. I am pleased to announce that we received the \$1000.00 grant!!! This was such exciting news for us! HOI News came to our room and took video clips of our morning while we were working. The kids loved it! The news segment aired on HOI News on December 13 and again on HOI Daybreak December 14. You can still watch the segment on their website.

I will be spending the money on updating our technology in our room. I bought two new iPads and two Osmo learning systems. The Osmo allows the iPad to become interactive. The children will be able to build words, make tangram images that will come to life, make math problems, problem solve, and interact with a bear. You can watch the video on www.playosmo.com.



EMDEN ELEMENTARY TRIP TO ARLEE

The Emden Grade School is going to go see the "STAR" at Arlee Theater on December 20th, for a movie and special Christmas experience! We get to enjoy popcorn and a drink as well. Thank you HCC for this opportunity!!!

LIBRARY NEWS

Susan Wilson, Librarian

The libraries are getting new books! There are new graphic novels at each building, and new sports books by Tim Green. The high school is getting new Rick Riordan and John Flanagan books, new Susanne Colasanti, Sarah Dessen and Jenny Han titles too. There are new picture books by Mem Fox, Rosenthal, and new Pete the Cat and Bad Kitty, and many others for the grade school. I am also currently working on an order to replace worn and missing Dr. Seuss and Mo Willems books from the Emden collection.

DONUTS WITH DADS-THANK YOU

Thanks to all the Dad's, Grandpa's, 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!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help our school. General Mills Box Tops are each worth 10 cents and quickly add up to **real cash** for our school. 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. 1st and March 1st. After our Box Tops are sent in, the school receives a check in December and April. **For our redemption check in December, our school received \$327.80.** Sign up at 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 Cleola Fletcher at 217-376-3151 or cfletcher@hartem.org

**PLEASE KEEP SAVING BOX
TOPS FOR OUR SCHOOL!!!**



**Donuts With Dads, Grandpas
& Special Guests
December 8, 2017**



JANUARY

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 No School	2 No School	3 Teacher Institute	4 French toast sticks Peaches Apple juice	5 Fruit frudel Applesauce Apple juice	6
7	8 English muffin Sliced ham Applesauce Orange juice	9 Trix yogurt Toast Mixed fruit Orange juice	10 Whole grain waffles Peaches Orange juice	11 Cinnamon toast cereal Banana Orange juice	12 Nutri-grain bar Toast Pears Orange juice	13
14	15 No School	16 Biscuit Sausage patty Sunset sip Apple juice	17 French toast Applesauce Apple juice	18 Donut Peaches Apple juice	19 Bagel Cream cheese Pears Apple juice	20
21	22 Breakfast pizza Mandarin oranges Orange juice	23 Pancake & sausage On a stick Peaches Orange juice	24 Cheese omelet Toast Applesauce Orange juice	25 Peanut butter & jelly jamwich Mixed fruit Orange juice	26 Cereal bar Toast Pears Orange juice	27
28	29 Assorted cereal Sunset sip Apple juice	30 Strawberry yogurt Parfait Peaches Apple juice	31 English muffin Egg patty Pineapple Apple juice			

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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 No School	2 No School	3 Teacher Institute	4 Cheesy breadstick Marinara sauce Corn Romaine tossed salad Peaches	5 Crispito w/ cheese sauce Bread Cooked carrots Applesauce	6
7	8 Chicken strips Broccoli Romaine salad Bread Mixed fruit	9 Creamed chicken On biscuit Cooked carrots Peas Peaches	10 Hot ham & cheese on bun Baked beans Tri tater Banana	11 Spaghetti w/meat sauce Green beans Breadstick Pears	12 Pizza Corn Coleslaw Apricots	13
14	15 No School	16 Hamburger on bun Sliced tomatoes/onions Peas Bean salsa Tortilla chips Applesauce	17 Chicken alfredo Green beans Garden spinach salad Bread Peaches	18 Toasted cheese sandwich Tomato soup Mini carrots Pears	19 Grilled chicken wrap Lettuce/diced tomatoes Corn Mandarin oranges Oatmeal cookie	20
21	22 Chicken & noodles Green beans Bread Romaine tossed salad Peaches	23 Pork tenderloin on bun Peas Sliced tomatoes/onions Cheese stick applesauce	24 Corn dog Corn Cole slaw Soft pretzel Mixed fruit	25 Chili with crackers Carrot/celery sticks Pears Cinnamon roll	26 Chicken nuggets Oven fries Garden spinach salad Apple	27
28	29 BBQ rib on bun Cooked carrots Macaroni & cheese Peaches	30 Tacos with salsa Lettuce/cheese Corn Pineapple Cookie	31 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Green beans Bread Apricots			

HAPPY NEW YEAR
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