

HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD NO. 21

JANUARY 2019 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 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. The website, at 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. New this year, we also have two students broadcasting live several Varsity Basketball Games. So, you may listen via the web. Hartsburg-Emden Schools are currently using Facebook and Twitter as well. 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 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. It wasn't a surprise to me that the Strategic Plan Committee placed Building Positive Relationships as one of the three (3) pillars of beliefs in our District's Core Values.

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 eight years. All-in-all, I truly enjoy our students, the school, the community, and the work. It also means a lot to me that my own son loves being a Stag and takes a lot of pride in attending Hartsburg-Emden. My passion has always lied in being an Educator. I value the Continual Growth Mindset (another pillar in our beliefs) that education provides. As I approach the age of 50 in a couple of months, I am still looking for ways to improve both personally and professionally. Being a life-long learner, having the desire to learn and grow, is particularly important to me. 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. 'Tis the season to be generous.

HARTEM CLASS OF 2020

Come out on February 1st to cheer on the Stags and enjoy some great chili! The Class of 2020 Chili Dinner will be held on February 1st from 4:30-6:30, before the high school basketball game against Illini Bluffs. Enjoy a bowl of chili with all the fixins, dessert and drink. Cost is donation! Any questions please contact Mrs. Simonton or Mrs. Nevius at the high school.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I want to extend my warmest holiday wishes 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 will receive a letter in the mail explaining the process. Please take part in this very important opportunity to give feedback to our District. Some students 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. Ms. Blackwell 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. Activities and athletics have been and will continue to be very busy in the upcoming semester. Remember that our Varsity Basketball Team will be competing in the Decatur St. Teresa Holiday Tournament for the first time this year. 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.

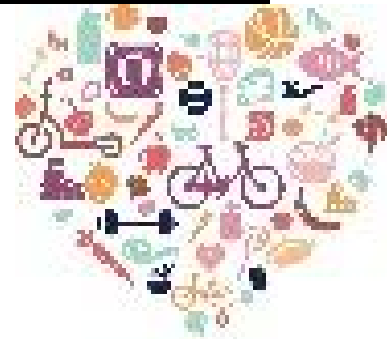
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe, stay warm, and enjoy the Holiday Season!!!



CATCH NEWS

Rachel Jordan, CATCH Champion

THEME 4-Family Matters will begin when we return from Christmas Break. Parental involvement is important in creating greater health awareness and promoting healthier choices by their children, just as it is for their academic performance. We need to **ENGAGE** parents as role models for healthy choices. We will be "catching" students being healthy in the cafeteria and presenting them with a postcard. We will also be continuing our taste tests this next semester. This is such an awesome opportunity for students to try new things. I always tell them you won't know if you like it unless you try it. **The Health Booster** for parents and staff this **THEME 4** is to move a bit more. It doesn't take an expensive gym membership to get the daily recommended amount of physical activity. Try and accumulate 30 minutes of physical activity each day. This could be anything from parking farther away at the store or stretching during a TV show or dancing around with your child. Speaking of dancing, there will be a Dance Party December 20th for the Grade School. The fifth grade students and I are planning this Party with some fun music and a couple of fun games. We thought this would be a great way to **CATCHIFY** the last few days of break and get some energy out on the Dance Floor!! We will have a few pictures in next month's newsletter. As we are preparing for our Christmas Break, remember that any movement is good movement. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! **HEALTHY KIDS=BETTER LEARNERS!!!**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Hartem Post Prom Trivia Night will be Saturday, February 9th at the Emden Community House 7:00. Get your teams ready and fill out the flier found in this newsletter!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 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 2018, so that in 2019 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 the Illinois Assessment for Readiness (replacing PARCC), PSAT, 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.

19-20 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).

Qualifications:

If you are interested in taking a Dual Credit course next year (AY 19-20), you **MUST** complete a Heartland application by **April 1** and ACCUPLACER Assessment (or submit a qualifying score) by **April 30** in order to be eligible to enroll in the course. Students can submit qualifying ACT or PSAT/SAT scores in place of the ACCUPLACER. See Mrs. Feltes for details.

HARTEM FFA

Kenyon Jodlowski, Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor

The Hartem FFA Chapter has had a fantastic first semester! December was especially a great month for the FFA, as we participated in a plethora of events and service projects. On December 5th, Hartem FFA members participated in the Section 14 Dairy Foods CDE at PORTA. The team placed 11th! On December 6th, Hartem FFA had a Culver's fundraiser night in Lincoln. These funds will support activities throughout second semester, and we appreciate those who came out to support our chapter.

On December 7th, students helped set up memorial Christmas trees at the Whistle Stop in Emden. On December 11th the Hartem FFA, along with the Senior Beta Club, went shopping for their Angel Tree donations.

Be on the lookout for information regarding strawberry sales orders within the next newsletter. The tentative dates for strawberry sales will be February 11th-22nd. More information to come within the next newsletter.

EMDEN MUSIC AND ART NEWS

Rachel Jordan, Music & Art Teacher

December was a busy month in the Arts Department at the Grade School. We were busily working like little elves on projects and learning songs for our Christmas Program. Each class made a few Art projects to put on display at the program. The projects were so adorable and the kids did a great job. Thank you also to Mrs. Eeten for decorating the trophy case in the lobby. It added an extra special touch. Thank you to the 6th and 7th graders who helped out with the set-up, program and the take down. The program was a huge success. The kids sang with so much Christmas spirit and enthusiasm. Our special guest was a huge hit and from what I understand, a pony was on top of the Christmas wish list for a lot of the students. We also had a collection for the Backpack program at St. Peter's Lutheran Church and were able to give them \$185 in cash for their worthy project. Thank you to all of those who most generously donated. It is appreciated. Earlier in December, Second, Third and Fourth grade students made Christmas trees and ornaments to take out to the Logan County Humane Society this year to put on display. I received a thank you note from the Board of Directors stating, "Thank you for sharing your beautiful artwork with the Humane Society of Logan County. The delightful art projects add a very festive touch to the shelter, creating a touch of home for our animals at the shelter, waiting for their forever family to adopt them. Please stop by the shelter to see the artwork displayed throughout the shelter and to wish our cats and dogs a very Merry Christmas".

We are blessed with very talented children in our district. They sing with so much joy and enthusiasm. We certainly appreciate all of the support of the arts now and in the years to come. Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!!



BAND DEPARTMENT

Hannah Blackwell, 6-12 Band/Chorus Teacher

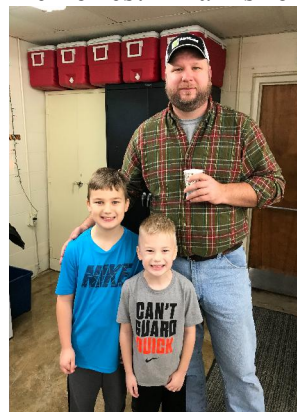
The Hartem Band and Choir website is now live! Students and parents are encouraged to go and check out pictures and videos from concerts and other events, as well as other information about the ensembles. The site can be reached through the Hartem webpage under the 'Activities' tab.

It's pep band season! The pep band performs for every home varsity basketball game. This year, I am extending an invitation to any community member with musical experience who might like to play in the pep band to grab an instrument and come join us. Call time for each event is 6:15 pm. If you have any questions, please email me at hblackwell@hartem.org and let me know. We would love to see you there! Schedule below:

- January 4
- January 8
- January 18
- February 1
- February 12 *Senior Night! Required for all students.

THANKS DADS! DONUTS WERE GREAT!

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!



ELEMENTARY VISITS ARLEE

Emden Grade School was able to go to Arlee Theater to see the "The Grinch" on December 19th for a special Christmas movie experience! We got to enjoy popcorn and a drink as well! Thank you for this opportunity! This was many of our students' first experience at a real movie theater!



JANUARY BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES

17 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$34.00
17 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.30	\$5.10
17 Student Lunches	@\$2.65	\$45.05
17 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.40	\$6.80

Students at Hartsburg will need to pay for seconds. Entrées are \$.90, vegetable/fruit are \$.50 and milk is \$.40. Seconds need to be paid for at the time they are served. Adult lunches purchased are \$3.15.

SR. BETA CLUB VALENTINE'S DAY SALE

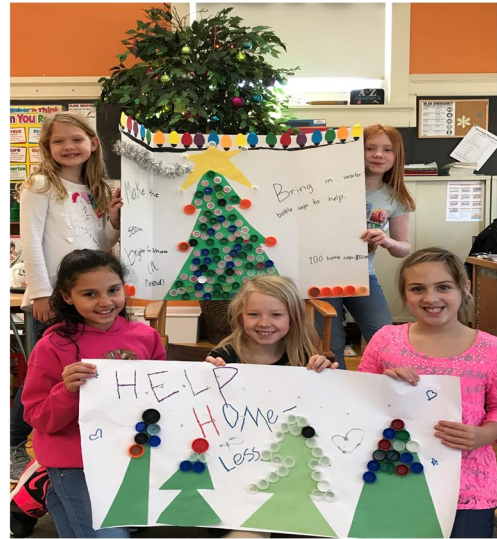
Once again, the Senior Beta Club will be having their Valentine's Day sale. The order forms are available at either school and on the school website at www.hartem.org.

Orders are due February 8th and will be delivered by members of the Senior Beta Club the week of February 14. Submit your completed form to either school or email John Robinson at jrobinson@hartem.org.



LITTLE BRIGHTNESS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Spreading a little cheer for those less fortunate, five 3rd grade girls spread the word to donate for those less fortunate. They made and put up posters to ask all the Emden Elementary students to collect bottle tops. Their goal was to collect 100! If they made their goal, they would earn \$50 for their cause. They collected well OVER 100 bottle tops!! They are going to take the money they earned and buy supplies needed for a shelter for those in need! What a great project of good will! Nice job, girls!



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. 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!!!!**



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January

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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 NO SCHOOL JHBK @ Cornerstone Christian Academy 6:00	4 NO SCHOOL HSBK vs. MP 6:00	5 JHBK-7 th LoCo Tourn @ Lincoln College 10:00
6	7 TEACHER INSTITUTE JHVB-7 th LoCo Tourn @ MP 5:45	8 JHBK @ Limestone Walters 5:00 HSBK vs. Havana 6:00	9 JHVB-7 th LoCo Tourn @ MP TBA	10 JHBK-7 th LoCo Tourn @ Lincoln College TBA JHVB vs. Delavan 6:00 HS Sch Bowl @ MP 5:00	11 HSBK @ Lewistown 6:00	12 JHBK-8 th LoCo Tourn @ Lincoln College TBA
13	14 JHVB-8 th LoCo Tourn @ Carroll Cath. TBA	15 HSBK @ Greenview 6:00 JHVB vs. W-L 6:00	16 JHVB-8 th LoCo Tourn @ Carroll Cath. TBA	17 JHBK-8 th LoCo Tourn @ Lincoln College TBA JHVB @ IC 6:00 HS Sch Bowl-Host 5:00	18 HSBK vs. Quest Charter Academy 6:00 (Homecoming Game) Homecoming Dance @ HS Gym 8-10	19 JHBK- Host 7A Reg JHVB @ 7 th Dee-Mack RR 10:00
20	21 No School JHVB @ Limestone Walters 4:30	22 JHBK-Host 7A Reg.	23	24 JHBK-Host 7A Reg. JHVB @ Bloomington JH 4:30 HS Sch Bowl @ MWC 5:00	25 HSBK @ Tri-City 6:00	26 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA JHVB @ MP 8A Tourn 9:00
27	28 Board Mtg. 7:00 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA JHVB vs. Dee-Mack 6:00	29 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA HSBK @ Peoria Christian 6:00	30 JHBK-7A Sect. TBA	31 JHBK-8A Reg. TBA JHVB @ Our Lady of Lourdes 5:00 HS Sch Bowl @ Greenview 5:00		

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Breakfast Menu		1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7	8 Donut Cherry star juice Orange juice	9 Pancakes Peaches Orange juice	10 English muffin Sausage patty Pears Orange juice	11 Bagel Cream cheese Pineapple Orange juice	12
13	14 Assorted cereal Toast (HS) Mixed fruit Apple juice	15 Peanut butter & Jelly jamwich Apricots Apple juice	16 Mini pancakes Applesauce Apple juice	17 Fruit frudel Cheese stick Peaches Apple juice	18 Chicken slider Patty on biscuit Pears Apple juice	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Cereal bar Toast Mandarin oranges Orange juice	23 Breakfast pizza Cherry star juice Orange juice	24 Pancake & Sausage on a stick Applesauce Orange juice	25 Sausage patty Tri tater Pineapple Orange juice	26
27	28 Donut Pears Apple juice	29 French toast sticks Peaches Apple juice	30 Cheese omelet Toast Applesauce Apple juice	31 Waffles Mandarin oranges Apple juice		

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Lunch Menu		1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7	8 Pizza Mini carrots Corn Peaches	9 Taco Lettuce/salsa Refried beans Pears Jello	10 Chicken alfredo Breadstick Green beans Pineapple	11 Hamburger on bun Sweet potato fries Baked beans Mixed fruit	12
13	14 Chicken nuggets Macaroni & cheese Bread Cooked carrots Apricots	15 Tater tot casserole Bread Green beans Applesauce	16 Hot ham & cheese on bun French fries Peas Peaches	17 Chili with crackers Carrot/celery sticks Pears Cinnamon roll	18 Crispito w/cheese sauce Bread Mixed vegetables Lettuce salad Mandarin oranges	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Country fried steak Mashed potatoes Bread Green beans Cake w/strawberries	23 Grilled chicken wrap Lettuce/diced tomatoes Cooked carrots Applesauce	24 Sloppy joe on bun Nachos w/cheese Peas Pineapple	25 Toasted cheese sandwich Tomato soup Crackers Mini carrots Pears	26
27	28 Pork tenderloin on bun Broccoli w/cheese Lettuce salad Peaches Pudding	29 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Bread Green beans Applesauce	30 Corn dog Pretzel w/cheese Baked beans Mandarin oranges	31 Chicken patty on bun Nacho chips Bean dip Corn Mixed fruit Brownie		

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.

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The graphic features the words "Happy New Year" in a large, elegant cursive font. The word "Happy" is on the top line, "New Year" is on the second line, and "2019" is on the third line. The text is surrounded by several five-pointed stars of varying sizes, some of which are partially obscured by the letters. The overall design is festive and celebratory.