

# HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD No. 21

## JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

It's hard to believe that another school year has come to an end. As I finish my 25<sup>th</sup> year in Education, I certainly can say this is one for the books. I would like to personally thank the parents, community, Board, staff, and students for making this another great school year under the circumstances. The community support for our school district is fantastic and second to none. We will continue to take strides towards meeting our goals and continually improve to make our school district the best it can possibly be. Keeping and maintaining a continual growth mindset, making each year better than the last one.

Again, at Hartsburg-Emden we believe the success of our students is a reflection of our dedication to the pursuit of excellence in all our school activities, academics included. This past year our students were continually pushed academically; to demonstrate the higher expectations of State Standards. We continue to push our Authentic Literacy Program. Literacy is still the number one indicator for success of a student, regardless of the field the student enters. Our staff is highly committed to building an environment which fosters student academic success. Literacy has been the biggest push at Hartem for the past several years. I ask all our parents to encourage our students to read, read, read over the summer. Have your son or daughter pick some books he/she enjoys and read. Like any skill, the more you do it, the better you get at it.

Hartsburg-Emden will also continue stressing the importance of how students treat each other; with dignity, respect, and kindness. The goal is to have a school climate that is positive and respectful. We do have great kids, but they sometimes need reminding of the golden rule, treat others as you wish to be treated. Here at Hartsburg-Emden School District, we strive to be a source of community and pride. Respect is a key component in interpersonal relationships. It means honoring and valuing other people even if you do not agree with their views or actions. Respecting yourself is also important because it lays the groundwork for respecting other people.

Being a respectful person is a valuable quality that will help individuals both personally and professionally. Being sensitive to people's feelings is something we all need to consider. Even if you don't mean to hurt anyone, which is something we have all probably done at some point, we should respond to that. When we have hurt someone's feelings or have offended them, we should acknowledge their feelings. Again, that is something we'd like to happen when our feelings get hurt. Relationships can be difficult, but when we put some effort and thought into them, they can be very rewarding.

I hope everyone enjoys his or her summer. Take time to enjoy the little things in life, because many times we look back and realize they were the big things. A grateful heart will allow you to see the good in what is currently going on in your life. Life can be difficult at times. However, getting through the tough times in life can be just a little bit easier when you simply realize the importance, beauty, and miracle of life. Please take time and enjoy your summer.

### SNAP

Student Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is not a school related program. It is for families that need assistance with meals. Patents/Guardians fill out a simple 3 page application which can be found at <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/12/documents/Forms/IL444-5235.pdf>. If you qualify, they send you money programed on a link/debit card for you to purchase food. A flyer is provided in the newsletter article to provide some information to you about the program. Anyone needing assistance is encouraged to apply.

### EMDEN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations Camden and Avery !

The Emden American Legion Auxiliary Unit 506 is proud to announce two Hartem students as winners in the Americanism Essay Contest at the district level. Camden Groth was the 1st place winner in Class II for his essay and Avery Rohlfs won 2nd place in Class I. Their essays were entitled "What Can I Do to Unite Our Country?" The Emden Auxiliary appreciates the continued participation of our Hartem students in this writing project and contest.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

It is hard to believe that this school year has come to an end. The second semester in particular has really flown by. I am looking forward to the upcoming summer to take a quick break. Then finish our plans for several different scenarios. We will keep you up to date as the situation evolves and we are clearer on how our school year can start. Also, I would like to personally thank all of our teachers, staff, and volunteers. They all do an excellent job, and we are lucky to have them in our District.

I want to take the opportunity to congratulate our Class of 2020 Graduates. It was a pleasure to work with this class for the past four years. I have no doubt that if they chase their dreams and are of the continual growth mindset, they will be successful in whatever it is that they decide to do.

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their promotion. Promotion signifies a beginning rather than an end. I am confident that our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are ready to begin what will undoubtedly be a successful high school career. All of our students, not just our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and Seniors, have experienced something that very few, if any of us have ever experienced during our school years. These truly are unprecedented times, but, knowing our kids, I'm convinced that they will grow into unprecedented leaders of tomorrow.

Students, enjoy your summer. You have worked hard this year. Please take some time to relax. I want to wish all of you a happy, relaxing, and safe summer. Please check our website and social media often for updates about summer activities, and start of school information. Have a Great Summer!!!

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

District Office Summer hours will be Monday-Friday 8:00am-1:00pm. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-7:00pm and Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00am-2:00pm.

## KINDERGARTEN FALL 2020

If your child will be 5 years old before September 1, 2020, he/she will be eligible to register for kindergarten. If you have any concerns about starting your child in kindergarten, please call the school 217-376-3151. We can help you determine if your child is really ready for kindergarten. **School registration** for the 2020-2021 school year will be **Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 12:00-7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the high school office in Hartsburg. Fees must be paid at this time and you must bring your child's certified birth certificate from the County Clerk (hospital certificate is not acceptable) and social security number. Your child will need to have a physical (dated after 8-19-19), up-to-date immunizations, lead screening, and eye exam **prior** to the first day of school. He/she will also need a dental exam before May 15, 2021. Pre-registration forms have been sent to families with a Kindergartener starting this fall. If you didn't receive this form in the mail, please contact the school (217-376-3151) and one will be mailed to you.

A grade school open house will be scheduled before school starts in August to visit the classroom and bring school supplies. More information will be sent closer to the beginning of school. We are looking forward to meeting our new students and parents.

## EMDEN ALUMNI BANQUET

### **Attention Hartem Alumni!**

This year marks the first time in its 92-year history, that the Hartsburg-Emden Alumni Banquet has been cancelled. The decision was necessary amid the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic affecting not just the area, but the state as a whole. Given the extended stay at home orders through May, uncertainty of future restrictions on large gatherings, and the age of our membership, exercising an abundance of caution was the wisest choice. This is a challenging time for our country and our community, and our primary concern is for the safety of all of our alumni. We will miss seeing everyone this year, but look forward to seeing you all, healthy and safe, next year. Save the date for June 12, 2021!

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

Congratulations to all of this year's seniors as they embark on a new adventure in their lives. I wish them all well and it was a pleasure watching them grow up before our eyes.

I would like to say thanks again to all those who helped make our athletic teams a success this past year. Among the throngs of people who ensure our success are the school board, administration, cooks, janitors, secretaries, teachers, game helpers, coaches, players, parents, and the two communities of Hartsburg + Emden. Thanks again.

This is a reminder to all those who are interested in going out for any sports teams next year that you will need an **updated physical** before participating. PLEASE try to remember to get this taken care of before your season begins. I would highly recommend doing this during the summer months so you'll be good for all of next year.

Also, for junior high baseball and softball players, please pay attention to the papers and our school website for announcements regarding the start of your seasons. Both teams will begin practice and games before school starts in the fall. Have a great summer break!!!

## ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

This is to inform all parents and staff of the status of our schools' asbestos management plan. As required, our buildings were initially inspected for asbestos. Our inspection was conducted on October 16, 1988. The AHERA law requires that a visual surveillance of asbestos containing areas be completed every six months, and a re-inspection conducted every three years. The inspection/management plan is available for public review in the Hartsburg High School office. Please contact Terry Wisniewski with any questions.

## EYE, DENTAL, AND PHYSICAL EXAMS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Erika Sanders, District Secretary

Physical exams are a STATE REQUIREMENT of all Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Also, all Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders are required to have their immunization records up to date. The Logan County Health Department offers the booster immunizations and lead screenings. Please call them for an appointment at 735-2317. The State of Illinois also requires that all children entering Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades to have a dental examination. The examination must be completed between May 15, 2020 and May 15, 2021. Proof of examination is due no later than May 15, 2021.

All Kindergarten students and any student new to an Illinois school will be required to have a vision screening. The examination must be completed within the past 12 months. Proof of examination is due no later than October 15, 2020.

**Students participating in sports and cheerleading must have a physical on file in the office before their sport's program begins.** A sports physical is good for one calendar year. Please remember that junior high softball starts in July and junior high baseball and high school golf and volleyball start at the beginning of August and physicals need to be on file **BEFORE** they may practice or tryout. If you have any questions, please call Erika at the high school 642-5244.



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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>1</b> District Office Summer Hours Monday-Friday 8:00am-1:00pm  <b>5 meals provided                      For the week</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>5 meals provided for                      the week</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>5 meals provided                      For the week</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Promotion 6:00pm @ HS Gym	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> HS Graduation 3:00pm @ HS Gym	<b>22</b> <i>Budget Hearing 6:50</i> <i>Board Meeting 7:00</i>  <b>5 meals provided                      For the week</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>5 meals provided                      For the week</b>	<b>30</b>				

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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### LIBRARY NEWS

Summer books are coming! Mrs. Folkman will be delivering books to each home in the district this summer! Each child, birth through our 2020 graduates, will get one free book to keep. This is thanks to Beth and Walt Neikirk, Clark's Ag Supply (Chris Coers), First Book, Pizza Hut, Nichole Folkman, Jessica Hartman, and Lisa Rohlf. Each k-5 student will also get a second free book thanks to an anonymous donor through our Virtual Book Fair. We'll post on social media when you can expect these bags to arrive.

Speaking of social media, the school library has a few accounts you can follow. On Facebook, search Hartsburg-Emden Library, on Instagram, we're @StagsRead, and on Twitter, we're @EmdenLit. This year we're doing **VIRTUAL SUMMER LIBRARY** on Facebook. Watch for announcements, but we're going to focus on learning and reading about insects. We even have an online author visit planned! The schedule will be shared on the library and school social media, so keep an eye out.

This month we got donations of books from Jake Klokkenga and Andy Morgan and his family.

Hartsburg-Emden is now a Dolly Parton Imagination Library district! This means every child from birth to age 5 will get a free book delivered to their home each month. Please search Dolly Parton Imagination Library or look on the school's social media to sign up your child.