

# **HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD No. 21**

## **NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

### **FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK**

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

I recently read an article about the increased political polarization as part of what they called a nation in divide. Sentiments once considered extreme somehow become validated and more mainstream. People feel justified in their prejudices in a way that may be beneath the values we try to instill in our children. They also have become very outspoken about their positions. Even to the point of criticizing those who do not share their beliefs. It seems that these differing viewpoints seem to have stronger consequences than in years past, leading some to dislike or even hate of others. In my mind, treating people with respect should simply be part of the fabric of society. That should not have articulated regularly, it is just the right thing to do. Everyone is in this together and, for the most part, most people are good and want good things for themselves, children, community, and society. Practicing civility may be a challenge these days and some people think it hardly matters. However, being civil, showing respect, and treating each other with dignity does matters a whole lot.

This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year in education and the one thing I really dislike the most in education is toxicity. I've witnessed how negativity really affects the school climate and culture. It seems to be able to grow exponentially and a challenge to defeat. I consider myself a fairly positive person. I believe Hartsburg-Emden is a positive school district, but, unfortunately, we seem to be living in a very unwelcome time, which can lead to negativity. However, there is a lot of research that indicates that students learn best in a positive/secure environment. That same research indicates that when the environment is negative/unsecure, learning is hampered. Establishing and maintaining a positive school culture that encourages each student to reach their fullest potential is essential. I am very pleased with the Hartsburg-Emden staff. They have kept their focus on remaining positive with our students during these trying times. Being a Hartsburg-Emden Stag is a powerful thing. Not only are we maintaining a positive and caring environment, but we are maintaining high standards and high expectations.

We are showing our students the learning targets and pushing them to achieve those goals. It is also important to remember that each child has certain talents and abilities. Our staff is assisting each student to reach his/her fullest potential. Again, this district has something unique that many schools do not have and we are staying committed to those Hartsburg-Emden values that make us special.

To end this article, I would like wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. Having a positive attitude and spending time thinking about topics like character strengths, optimism, life satisfaction, happiness, well-being, gratitude, compassion (as well as self-compassion), self-esteem, self-confidence, and hope; Thanksgiving reminds us of all those positive things to be grateful about. I hope everyone is able to spend some time with his/her families, make some good memories, and appreciate the blessings you have.

### **PAUSE WITH IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Hartsburg-Emden understands the holiday season is a time where many families will gather and social activities will increase. To avoid the possibility students or staff being infected by the coronavirus or students or staff needed to be quarantined due to close contacts during the holiday season, Hartsburg-Emden will be taking a three week pause with In-Person Learning. We will be Remote Learning from Thanksgiving Break through Christmas Break. Remote Learning will begin on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> and run to December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **MEAL PROGRAM DURING REMOTE LEARNING**

Hartsburg-Emden CUSD #21 will be providing free breakfasts and lunches during Remote Learning. We ask that you call the school and request meals by 8:00am. You may order by the day or for the duration of the pause with In-Person Learning. Meals will be delivered to students on the country route and each school will have grab-and-go for those who live in town. Reminder, all children who reside in the district, 0-18 years of age, qualifies for a free meal.

## RESUMING IN-PERSON LEARNING

Any caregiver who chose full time Remote Learning for their child first semester and wishes to resume In-Person Learning second semester, must call the Main Office to let us know your child will be changing to In-Person Learning. Please let us know if you will need transportation as our buses are close to capacity. If you chose to stay on a Remote platform, we are asking you to commit to such for the entire 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. We will reassess at that point in time.

## HS CHESS TEAM

The Hartem High School Chess team beat Lincoln High School 39-19 on October 22! Grace Doolin had a very unique checkmate that solidified the win. The team narrowly missed winning the second match vs. Lincoln. 24-34. The match wasn't decided until the last game.

The Hartem High School Chess team is playing in the 6 board division of the Central Illinois Chess League. The teams in our division are: Normal West, Central Catholic, Lincoln, LaSalette, Bismarck-Henning, Olympia, Mattoon, and Brimfield. The team will play in at least one tournament to be announced and will participate in the IHSA state chess series. The unique thing about this year is that all matches are remote with matches being played on the internet not in person.

The Hartem High School Chess team consists of the following players: Will Wisniewski, Violet Merz, Grace Doolin, Faith Sanders, Dani Phillips, Ashlyn Duvall, and Noah Doolin.

## JH CHESS TEAM

The Jr. High Chess team has been practicing every week and enjoying playing. They are also playing remote. We are trying to schedule some meets right now and the first meet will be against Olympia Middle School on Nov. 19 at 2:00 p.m. We are going to try add three or four more meets.

Last year our 7th grade chess team placed 21st in the state out of about 100 schools. Our Jr. High Chess team is made of the following players: Mitch Mason, Jonah Robison, Carson Zinser, Logan Pallidani, and Gabby Duvall.

## SPANISH 1

Spanish 1 has been busy learning simple Spanish phrases and responses. We have learned how to tell time, count, tell about the weather, etc. Spanish 1 is now learning how to conjugate verbs and write simple sentences. The pronunciation of the Spanish 1 classes is very good for a first year class. One upcoming project is a family tree labeled in Spanish. They will need help from grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, to fill out their family trees.

## SPANISH 2

We begin most classes with simple conversation in Spanish for about 10 minutes. Spanish 2 does many dialogues and conversations out of our Avancemos textbooks. There are videos we play to reinforce our learning and understanding of the Spanish spoken in the videos. We have been reviewing what was learned last year. Spanish 2 has just begun a new verb tense that will allow the students to speak and write in the past tense. This tense is the preterite.

## SPANISH 3 AND 4

We begin each day speaking in Spanish for 10 minutes. The students are much improved over last year. Spanish 3 and 4 students are demonstrating an ability to carry on a conversation in simple Spanish. They have been reviewing the grammar concept taught last year but we are now about ready to learn the future and conditional tenses. Soon after that we will learn to use commands and the subjunctive tense. Indicative tenses tell facts but subjunctive tenses express doubt and emotion in Spanish.

## CATCH NEWS

Mrs. Jordan-K-5 CATCH CHAMPION

Mrs. Curry-6-8 CATCH CHAMPION

Hartsburg-Emden Grade School and Junior High are **CATCH** schools. For those that are new to us this year here is what CATCH stands for: **CATCH** stands for a Coordinated Approach to Child Health. By uniting multiple players in a child's life to create a community of health, **CATCH** is proven to prevent childhood obesity and supported by 25 years and 120 academic papers indicating as much as 11% decrease in overweight and obesity. Our community health programs aim to impact the messaging a child receives in physical education, the lunchroom, the classroom, and at home, to influence a child's choices not only in school, but lifelong.

With Remote Learning beginning at the end of the month, we thought we would share some Fun CATCH Family Activities that you can do while at home. Keep an eye out for some additional information.

## **HEALTHY KIDS = BETTER LEARNERS**

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Jon Leslie, Principal

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year has come to a close, and by the time that this article reaches you, mid-term of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will be fast approaching. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents that attended our virtual conferences. Overall, I have received reports that they went pretty smoothly. If you didn't have an opportunity to set up a conference and would like to talk to one of your child's teachers, I would encourage you to make contact. Also, please remember that you can track your child's progress online via our Tyler Information System. Within this system, you can find information on your child's grades and progress. If you have questions on how to access this system, please contact the main office. Many of our teachers are also utilizing Google Classroom.

I would like to congratulate Nichole Folkman on receiving the \$12,000 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Grand Prize in the Voya Unsung Heroes Grant Program. Mrs. Folkman has done many amazing literacy projects for our school and community. Please pay close attention to our social media pages in the coming days to find out more about Mrs. Folkman's literacy projects.

November marks a month of Thanksgiving. On a final note, great things do not happen in a school district without great people putting in hard work. I would like to thank all of the students, parents, guardians, grandparents, coaches, teachers, staff, alumni, and community members for everything that you have done. I am THANKFUL for serving the students of Hartsburg-Emden every day.



### **RED RIBBON WEEK**

Emden Elementary will be observing Red Ribbon Week November 2-6. The week will be filled with fun dress up days along with the daily message about the importance of being DRUG FREE! This is a great topic starter for families to talk with your child(ren) about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and making good decisions. We are proud to be a D.A.R.E. school!

#### **Monday, November 2 – Friday, November 6**

Monday – Vote YES to Be Drug Free

- Wear Red, White, Blue

Tuesday – No School – ELECTION DAY

- GO VOTE!!

Wednesday – DRUG FREE = BRIGHT future

- Wear NEON/Bright Colors

Thursday – “ORANGE” You Glad to Be Drug Free!

- Wear Orange

Friday – “REDy” to be Drug Free

- Wear Red

### **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

Amanda Feltes, District Guidance Counselor

#### **FAFSA (Mandatory for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students)**

Seniors must submit the FAFSA in order to receive a diploma in 2021. Now is the time to submit the FAFSA! Don't wait until the spring! Did you know that the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) is only available to students who submit the FAFSA? MAP grants, which do not need to be repaid, are available to eligible Illinois residents who attend approved Illinois colleges and demonstrate financial need, based on the information provided on the FAFSA. Please be aware that, based on application volume and appropriated funds for any academic year, grant funding is likely to be depleted before all eligible applicants can be awarded. Therefore, it's very important to submit the FAFSA as early as possible to be eligible for MAP funding.

If you need assistance filing the FAFSA, please contact Mrs. Feltes. Or, you can set up an appointment with ISAC Representative, Melissa Van at [Melissa.Van@illinois.gov](mailto:Melissa.Van@illinois.gov) or (309) 434-0175 or Katy Reynolds, Logan County Education Coalition, at [execdireclcec@gmail.com](mailto:execdireclcec@gmail.com) or (217) 828-1050.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Nichole Folkman, District Librarian

Students have begun reading books for the State Book Awards- Monarch (k-2), BLuestem (3-5), Rebecca Caudill (4-8), and Lincoln (teen.) Students are able to checkout books from the school libraries by contacting Mrs. Folkman.

### **Grants**

**First Book grant-** for inclusive books on civic engagement

### **Donations**

**Paige O'Brien-** various young adult books, being used in the library collection and in Free Little Libraries (more information on those soon!)

**Donors Choose projects-** books about women in STEM for k-5, inclusive books for all ages, and civic engagement for 9-12

Folkman donations in honor or in memory

***What They Found: Love on 145th Street*** by Walter Dean Myers in honor of the marriage of Dirk and Anna Conrady

***Frida Kahlo*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of the birth of Eloise June

***We Unleash the Merciless Storm*** by Tehlor Kay Mejia in honor of the marriage of Will and Kirstin Clark

***Mad, Bad, and Dangerous to Know*** by Samira Ahmed in honor of the marriage of Jason and Hannah Brescia

***The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh*** by Supriya Kelkar in honor of the birth of Ares Clauer

***Ada Lovelace*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of the birth of Kinslee Elizabeth

***Agatha Christie*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of the birth of Wallace Shull

***You Matter*** by Christian Robinson in honor of the marriage of Abby and Greg Miller

***Audrey Hepburn*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of the marriage of Chelsey and Tim Hilgendorf

***Martin Luther King Jr.*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of Faith Jones

***Say Her Name*** by Zetta Elliott in honor of Stephanie McNeece

***Georgia O'Keefe*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of the marriage of Cole and Kaylee Baker

***Sofia Valdez, Future Prez*** by Andrea Beaty in honor of Elizabeth and Tessa

***Wilma Rudolph*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of Danielle Hill

***Harriet Tubman*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of Erica Wolpert

***Mother Teresa*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of the birth of Carson Charron

***Maria Montessori*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of Crosby Young

***Marie Curie*** by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of Aspen Vetter

***Rudolf Nureyev*** Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara in honor of Rowan Davis

And 15 other assorted titles for all ages

**Tisha Ortega** and her family donated Owl Crate Jr. boxes for a year! If we do not have the books in the collection, we add them so everyone can share them. The other fun stuff in the boxes is being used for giveaways for the students.

### **Won from giveaways**

***Mammoth Science*** by David Macaulay  
6 books about Women's Suffrage for the 100 year anniversary of white women's suffrage from the ALA

## **HARTEM GEAR FUNDRAISER**

The Jr. High & High School Volleyball Teams and the Senior Class of 2021 are selling Hartem gear. There is a great variety of items from Stag T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, bags, and leggings! Adult and kid sizes are available. The Grade School and High School offices have forms as well as any volleyball player and members of the SENIOR CLASS! The link to order your spirit wear will be on FACEBOOK and also on the school Website. Orders can be made online and shipped directly to your house! Order your HARTEM GEAR and support your STAGS!!

**All orders are due no later than Friday  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - we CANNOT accept late orders!**

## **CHEERLEADING DISCOUNT CARDS**

Cheerleading discount cards will be sold soon!!! Keep an eye on our social media sites for more information.

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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>
1	2	3 <b>No School</b>	4	5 HS Chess vs Brimfield 4:00	6	7
8	9	10	11 <b>No School</b>	12 HS Chess vs Notre Dame 4:00	13	14
15	16 <i>Board Meeting 7:00</i>	17	18 <b>Teacher Institute</b>	19 HS Chess vs Bismarck-Henning 4:00	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>No School</b>	26 <b>No School</b>	27 <b>No School</b>	28
29	30 First day of Remote Learning					

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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>Breakfast Menu</b>	<b>2</b> Pop tart Cheese stick Pineapple Orange juice	<b>3</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>4</b> Donut Apricots Orange juice	<b>5</b> Pancakes Fruit cup Orange juice	<b>6</b> Breakfast burrito Pineapple Orange juice	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Nutri-grain bar Hard-boiled egg Pears Apple juice	<b>10</b> Sausage patty Tri tater Apple juice	<b>11</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>12</b> Warm breakfast bar Peaches Apple juice	<b>13</b> French toast Applesauce Apple juice	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Trix yogurt Raisins Pineapple Orange juice	<b>17</b> Pancake & sausage On a stick Mixed fruit Orange juice	<b>18</b> <b>Teacher Institute</b> Biscuit & gravy Mandarin oranges Orange juice	<b>19</b> Egg patty on biscuit Mixed fruit Orange juice	<b>20</b> Cereal cup Applesauce Orange juice	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Peanut butter & Jelly jamwich Applesauce Apple juice	<b>24</b> Fruit frudel Raisins Fruit cup Apple juice	<b>25</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>26</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>27</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Frittata Toast Fruit cup Orange juice	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p><b>A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.</b></p> </div>				

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<b>Lunch Menu</b>	<b>2</b> Chicken nuggets Macaroni & cheese Mixed vegetable Bread Apricots	<b>3</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>4</b> Meatloaf Baked potato Roll Green beans Mixed fruit	<b>5</b> BBQ chicken on bun Broccoli Tri tater Pineapple	<b>6</b> Toasted cheese sandwich Tomato soup Mini carrots/celery Pears	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Chicken sticks Lettuce salad Peas Mixed fruit	<b>10</b> Soft shell taco Cooked carrots Peaches Jello	<b>11</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>12</b> Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Green beans Breadstick Applesauce	<b>13</b> Hot ham & cheese Mixed vegetables Pineapple Cookie	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Pig in a blanket Baked beans Cottage cheese Mixed fruit	<b>17</b> BBQ pulled pork Nacho chips w/cheese Corn Mandarin oranges	<b>18</b> <b>Teacher Institute</b> Flatbread pizza Side salad Mixed fruit Cookie	<b>19</b> Turkey roast Mashed potatoes/gravy Green beans Roll Baked apples	<b>20</b> Cheesy breadstick Marinara sauce Lettuce salad Applesauce	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Pizza Corn Fruit cup Cake	<b>24</b> Chicken patty on bun Sun chips Peas Applesauce	<b>25</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>26</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>27</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Hamburger on bun Nacho chips Bean salsa Green beans Applesauce	<b>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.</b>				

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