



STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

Superintendent's Message from Mrs. Dottie Heusman

We are excited to get the school year started and the building back to life! It's been an interesting summer with some maintenance repairs being done. We did have some water damage to the hallways and a couple of classrooms during a big rain this summer. Our insurance provider Alicap has helped us tremendously with these issues and all the work is scheduled to be completed by the 9th of August. That is great news since our teachers will be here on the 12th for our first in-service day.

We do have some new staff members joining us this year. I'm confident they will be great additions to our already incredible staff! They are:

- Mrs. Jennae Fossler—Jennae will be joining us as a cook in our kitchen. Jennae lives in Douglas with her husband, who is a Sterling graduate, and her two sons, Camerion (Josh), a 2019 Sterling grad and Kanyon.
- Mr. Jason Matkins—Jason is coming back to Nebraska from the west coast. He will be teaching 8th-12th grade science.
- Mrs. Kendra Matkins—Kendra has also been teaching on the west coast. She will be teaching 5th and 6th grade reading and writing, and 5th grade math. Kendra and Jason are married and have two children, Jubilee and Gideon, that will be attending elementary school here.
- Mrs. Jennifer Moss—Jennifer is joining our staff as a paraprofessional. Jennifer lives in Sterling with her husband Bill, also a Sterling graduate, and her 3-year old daughter, Tomi. Tomi will be in our preschool class.
- Annalise Nelson—Annalise will be working in the preschool as a paraprofessional. Annalise lives in Sterling and may be a familiar face to you if you've been in Jet Stop. Her mom, Becky, is one of our cooks.

At the Board of Education's regular meeting in July they revised policy 3016 Smoking. "Smoking, including the possession or use of cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco or tobacco derivative products; vapor products or electronic nicotine delivery systems; alternative nicotine products; or any other such look-alike or imitation product, is not permitted on school property at any time." Please remember this when attending events at SPS. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sterling Public Schools is a great place to be and I reflect on that every day! We have fantastic kids, teachers, parents, and community members. I appreciate your support and look forward to working with each and every one of our stakeholders this year. Bring on the 2019-2020 school year!

Back-to-School Night Tuesday, August 13, 2019

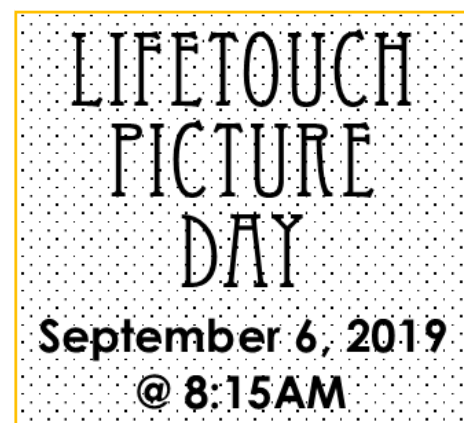
5:00-6:00 p.m. -- Laptop Checkout (7th-12th grades)

6:00-6:45 p.m. -- Presentation by Mr. Harrington on appropriate use of computers and back to school information (7th-12th grades)

Open House for Elementary 6:00-7:00 p.m.

7:00-7:45 p.m. -- Demoine Adams Motivational Speaker Presentation (all are welcome to attend!)

7:45 p.m. -- Additional time for Laptop Checkout (7th-12th grades)





From the Principal's Desk by Mr. Harrington

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year! We are excited about kicking off another successful school year here at Sterling. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to get back to school! We are excited to continue to provide high quality educational experiences in a safe and caring environment. We are excited about the limitless educational opportunities and activities that our students will engage in throughout this school year. Please help me in welcoming the following new staff members to the Jet Family! We are excited about the positive contributions these new members will be providing our students this year here at Sterling Public Schools. Many of these new staff members have already put in countless hours preparing for the upcoming school year.

Alexis Hahn	Kindergarten
Kendra Matkins	5th & 6th English
Jason Matkins	Secondary Science
Jennae Fossler	Kitchen Staff
Annalise Nelson	Paraprofessional
Jennifer Moss	Paraprofessional

The school day will remain the same as last year with breakfast starting at 7:45 with the first bell ringing at 7:55 and classes beginning at 8:00. The first day of school for students in grades K-12 is Wednesday, August 14th. This is an early out day with school dismissing at 1:37! As always, please be sure to have your student here on time. Please also remember that if your child is sick, they need to provide a doctor's note in order for the absence to be excused. In accordance with state law, students are only allowed 5 unexcused absences per quarter.

ALL K-12 Grade students AND parents be sure to mark down the evening of August 13th on your calendar to attend the Back-to-School Night. That will be a night to get geared up for the new school year, as well as a time to have your 7-12 grade student check-out their new laptop! Laptop checkout will begin at 5:00 for all secondary students and parents. Just like last year, both parents and students are required to sign-in and listen to a brief overview of the laptop procedures starting at 6:00 in the gym. And all elementary parents and students be sure to attend the Elementary Open House on the same night from 6:00-7:00 in the classrooms. Everybody is welcome to stay for a motivating speech and welcome back from former Husker Demoiné Adams which will begin around 7:00 in the gym.

There is also a new policy this year regarding backpacks. Due to safety and health concerns backpacks will only be allowed in student lockers. Students will not be allowed to take them with them to class or down to the gym lobby/cafeteria area. I would like to welcome you back for another great school year here at Sterling. I am very excited for this upcoming school year and I hope you are too! Please be sure to follow all of the school happenings by liking the school's Facebook page and by following us on Twitter at the handle @spsjetpride. And coming soon, we will have our very own Sterling Public Schools mobile app that you can download to stay in the loop on all the happenings at the school! Please also don't hesitate to contact me at the school or talk to me at school events. **Go Jets!**

REQUIREMENTS:

- Preschool - Birth Certificate and Current Immunization Records
- Kindergarten - Birth Certificate, Physical, and Current Immunization Records
- All 7th Graders - Physical and Current Immunization Records
- All Students Participating in Sports - Physical



FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Monday & Tuesday: Teacher Work Days
Wednesday: Early Out @ 1:37PM
Thursday: Regular Day
Friday: NO SCHOOL -
 Enjoy the Johnson County Fair!

ACT TEST DATES 2019-20

DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE FEE REQUIRED
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	August 17-30, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019	September 21-October 4, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 9-22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 11-17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	February 29-March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 20-26, 2020



Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household Attachment C: 2019-20

Return Completed Application to:		(Insert School name, mailing address here)					
Part 1: Children in School							
List names of all children, including foster children, in school. If all children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. (First, Middle Initial, Last Name)	Check box below if a foster child	Name of School Child Attends		Grade			
	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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	<input type="checkbox"/>						
	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Part 2: Assistance Programs – SNAP, TANF or FDPIR Benefits							
Enter MASTER CASE NUMBER if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDPIR: (Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4							
Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.							
1. Household Members		2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received					
List everyone in the household, current income each person earns in whole dollars (no cents) & how often. Entering "0" or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child's personal use income must be listed.		Earnings from Work before deductions		Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income	
		Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often
Total Number of Household Members: (Children and Adults) _____		Last four digits of Social Security Number (SSN) of the adult signing this form: XXX – XXX – _____				Check if no SSN <input type="checkbox"/>	
Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Information – An adult household member must sign the application.							
<i>"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."</i>							
Sign here: _____		Print name: _____		Date: _____			
Street Address (if available): _____			Zip: _____		Daytime Phone: _____		
Part 5: Children's Ethnic and Racial Identities – Optional							
Check one Ethnic Identity:		Check one or more Racial Identities:					
– and –							
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander				
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native					
Do Not Fill Out the Section Below - For School Use Only							
Annual Income Conversion:		Weekly X 52;	Every 2 weeks X 26;	Twice a month X 24;	Monthly X 12		
Total Household Size: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Free		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced			
Total Income: _____ per		<input type="checkbox"/> Income		Reason for denial:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Month	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 X Mo	<input type="checkbox"/> Every 2 Wks	<input type="checkbox"/> Week	<input type="checkbox"/> Income too high		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Categorically eligible:		<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete application			
		<input type="checkbox"/> SNAP/TANF/FDPIR					
		<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child					
Signature of Determining Official: _____				Date Approved: _____			
FOR THE VERIFICATION PROCESS ONLY:							
Signature of Confirming Official: _____			Date Confirmed: _____				
Signature of Verifying Official: _____			Date Verified: _____				
					Date Withdrawn From School: _____		



Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household Attachment C: 2019-20

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2019-20					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
Each additional person:	8,177	682	341	315	158

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
- (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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STERLING K-6 SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2019-2020

KINDERGARTEN (Mrs. Hahn):
 2 - Large Glue Sticks
 1 - Bottle of Glue
 2 - Containers of Play-Doh
 1 - Binder Pouch w/ Clear Window
 Pair of Headphones
 P.E. Shoes (to be left at school)
 Reusable Water Bottle
 Extra Set of Clothes

Optional:
 Kleenex Box
 Clorox Wipes
 Wet Wipes
 Paper Towels
 Crayons
 Colored Pencils
 Pencils
 Erasers
 Post-It Notes

FIRST GRADE (Mrs. Phillips):
 10 - Pencils
 1 - Eraser
 1 - Box of 24 Crayons
 2 - Pocket Folders
 2 - Glue Sticks
 1 - Pencil Box
 2 - Big Boxes of Kleenex
 P.E. Shoes (to be left at school)
 Headphones or Earbuds
 Flare Markers
 Dry Erase Markers
 Post-it Notes
 Clorox Wipes
 Colored pencils (optional)



SECOND GRADE (Mrs. McAuliffe):
 Pencils
 Eraser
 Crayons
 Glue sticks
 Ruler w/ Inches & Centimeters
 2 - Dry Erase Markers
 Pencil box
 P.E. Shoes (to be left at school)

Optional:
 Colored Pencils & Markers
 2 - Boxes of Kleenex



THIRD GRADE (Mrs. Bianchi):
 Crayons
 1 - Ruler with Inches & Centimeters
 Colored Pencils
 3 - Notebooks
 Scissors
 4 - Folders
 Pencils & Erasers
 2 - Glue Sticks
 Dry Erase Markers
 2 - Boxes of Kleenex
 P.E. Shoes (to be left at school)
 1 - Set of Multiplication Cards (0-12)
 1 - Set of Division Flash Cards (0-12)
 Inexpensive set of Headphones/Earbuds to keep at school

FOURTH GRADE (Mr. Lempka):
 2 - Packages of Pencils (no mechanical pencils please)
 1 - Pack of Erasers
 3 - Spiral Notebooks
 3 - Pocket Folders
 4 - Dry Erase Markers
 2 - Glue Sticks
 1 - Box of Kleenex
 Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
 P.E. Shoes (to be left at school)
 Colored Pencils and/or Markers
 0-12 Multiplication Cards
 0-12 Division Cards

FIFTH GRADE (Mrs. Matkins):
 2 of the following color of Pens: blue, black & purple
 #2 Pencils
 2 Composition Books
 1 - Subject Spiral Notebook (wide or college-ruled)
 1 Box of Kleenex
 P.E. Shoes (to be left at school)
 Inexpensive set of Headphones/Earbuds to keep at school

SIXTH GRADE (Mr. Boldt):
 2 of the following colors of Pens: red, blue, & black
 #2 Pencils
 2 Composition Books
 Lined Paper
 3 - Pocket Folders
 3 - Book Covers
 1 - Box of Kleenex
 1 - Pair of Headphones/Earbuds
 P.E. Shoes (to be left at school)

STERLING 7-12 SUPPLY LIST 2019-2020

ENGLISH/WRITING (7, 10, 12)
Dr. Wusk
 Composition Notebooks
 Headphones

ENGLISH/WRITING
Mrs. Steele
English: Black, Blue, and Red Pens
Drama: Highlighters

MATH 7-8
Mr. Boldt
 1 - 3 Ring Notebook
 Paper

STERLING 7-12 SUPPLY LIST 2019-2020

SCIENCE
Mr. Matkins
 Pens/Pencils
 Colored Pencils

8-9: 2 - Composition Notebooks
10-12: 2 - Spiral Notebooks
 Scientific Calculator (for **Chemistry**)

MATH (8-12)
Mr. Pfeiffer
 3 Ring Binder with 4 Dividers
 Loose Leaf Paper
 Pencils/Pens
 Red Pens
 TI-83 or TI-84 Calculator (optional)

SOCIAL STUDIES
Ms. Harlan
 3 Ring Binder
 Dividers (at least 4)
 Loose Leaf Paper
 Colored Pencils
 Headphones/Earbuds (optional)



PRE-KINDERGARTEN SUPPLY LIST 2019-2020

Mrs. Marshall & Mrs. Sedivy

- 1 - Two pocket folder
- 1 - Roll of paper towels
- 1 - Large Pump bottle of foaming soap
- 1 - Large box of tissues
- 1 - Refill package of baby wipes
- 1 - Backpack
- 1 - Starter pack of Play-Doh - most come with 5-8 different colors of playdough.
- 1 - 1 1/2 inch Binder
- 1 - Water bottle- needs to have a top/spout that can be closed when not in use. We will use this for the entire school year, so no disposable plastic bottles please. We will wash these at school.
- 1 - Blanket - this blanket will be used during nap/rest time and will need to stay at school.
- \$5 to purchase a personal naptime mat
- 1 Change of clothes - please send a pair of shorts, a shirt, a pair of underwear, and socks. We'll change these items out as the seasons change. Please send this in a gallon zip lock bag.

NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

Johnson County Area students can pick up free school supplies provided by SENCA, 172 South 4th, Tecumseh:

**August 1st from 9AM-12PM
& August 2nd from 1-3PM**

Per Board of Education Policy #3028, Sterling Public Schools is required to share the Nebraska Sex Offender Registry link with all parents. Please check this registry from time to time to stay up-to-date on sex offenders that live in our school district.
<https://sor.nebraska.gov>

AUGUST 2019 MENUS

BREAKFAST

		14 Bagel Bites	15 Scrambled Eggs	16 NO SCHOOL
19 Cereal	20 Cheese Omelet	21 French Toast	22 Biscuits & Gravy	23 Breakfast Bar
26 Cereal	27 Yogurt Parfait	28 Bagel Bites	29 Breakfast Bar	30 Donut

LUNCH

		14 Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans	15 Nachos Fruit Cup	16 NO SCHOOL
19 Hot Dogs Potato Wedges	20 Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes	21 Spaghetti Garlic Bread	22 Hamburger FF or Swt FF	23 Potato Bake
26 Tacos Corn	27 Omelet French Toast Stick Sausage Patty	28 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes	29 Ravioli Garlic Bread	30 Sub Sandwiches Chips

Menus are subject to change without notice

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A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal

Milk is served with every meal

ALTERNATE ENTREE OFFERED DAILY: COLD SANDWICH OR CHEF SALAD STARTING 8.19.19

AUGUST 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30 NHS Blood Drive 12-6PM	31	August 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 First Day of Football & Volleyball Practice	13 Elementary Open House 6-7PM 7-12 Back-to-School Computer Night 5-8PM	14 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-12 EARLY OUT 1:37PM	15	16 NO SCHOOL	17
18	19 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7PM	20	21 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PRE-K	22	23 FB Sports Drink Scrimmage - 7PM	24
25	26	27 HS VB Jamboree vs. HTRS - HOME - 6PM	28	29	30 FB @ St. Edward - 3PM	31

Calendar is subject to change. Please check the Weekly Bulletin, Facebook, or Google Calendar on the school website:
www.sterlingjets.org for the most up-to-date info. Thank you!



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ACTIVITY PASS PRICES

Contact the office or Brent Heusman.

Adult - \$50
7-12 Student - \$30
K-6 Student - \$20

In-District (over 65) - FREE
Out-of-District (over 65) - \$25