

# March 2010 Jet News



## From Principal Peterson's Desk

It's hard to believe that track will start soon. Track practice can officially start on March 1. The third quarter ends on Thursday, March 11. Time is running short to improve grades, if needed, so please help us in encouraging your student(s) to get their homework completed and tests studied for so they do not fail any classes in the third quarter. I would like to take some time to list a few of the events and encourage you to attend as many as you possibly can. We have three Quiz Bowl events scheduled. The High School Quiz Bowl Team will compete in the conference contest on Tuesday, March 16th, in Sterling, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please note that school will be dismissed at 12:00 on that day. On Thursday, March 25, we will compete in the MUDECAS Conference Quiz Bowl in Tecumseh with starting time being 10:00 a.m. The Jr. High Quiz Bowl Team will compete in the Pioneer Conference Quiz Bowl at Omaha Brownell/Talbot, on Monday, March 22, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The speech team will be competing in districts on Monday, March 8, in Hampton. These students have been coming in early for several mornings to practice. We wish them the best of luck in their endeavor of making it to state at UNK on March 19. The first track meet is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, at Friend starting at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Bruce Greenwell from Beatrice, will be a long-term sub for Mrs. LeMunyan, who will be taking maternity leave when the time comes. We expect that time to be very soon. Mr. Greenwell has visited the school, met the students and went through the classes with Mrs. LeMunyan. Please welcome Mr. Greenwell to Sterling when you get the opportunity to meet

him. MUDECAS conference music will be March 23 at Meridian and district music the third week of April.

We have two school trips planned in the month of March. Mr. Salberg will be taking a large group of students to Columbus for the state Skills USA contest from March 25-27. Good luck to Mr. Salberg and these students as they participate in their respective events. Also, Mr. Wusk will be taking his Ag. Econ. class to Chicago to visit the Board of Trade from March 18-20. This has proven to be an eye-opening and great learning experience for those students involved.

The Student Council and National Honor Society will be contacting you soon to set up an appointment for the Bloodmobile which will be in the gym on Thursday, April 8, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Walk-ins will be welcome and we encourage everyone eligible to contribute to this worthy cause.

I would like to congratulate Mark Lucas, Andrew Daehling, Billy Richardson, Reba Hestermann, Nicole Wenzl, Kelsey Puls, and Matt Erickson for making all-state Class D instrumental band. These students will practice and will play in a large group concert at 7:00 p.m. at UNK on March 20.

The girl's basketball season has come to close finishing the season with a record of 14-8. The girls won the Sterling Holiday tournament and finished third place finish in Pioneer Conference tournament. Great season girls!!!

At the time of this article the boy's basketball team is just to begin district final play. They are

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## From Principal Peterson's Desk *continued*

currently 18-5 with a first place finish in the Sterling Holiday tournament and a third place finish in the Pioneer Conference tournament. Good luck to the boys in their efforts to repeat as Class D-2 state champions.

We appreciate all the help everyone has volunteered at all the activities this year. There are too many to name individually but as a group I would like to thank the football crowd nest crew, the chain gang, the volleyball lines women, the basketball and volleyball clock

and score keepers, all the people who have collected money at the gate, the ladies who have organized the concession stand, the people who have worked the concession stand, the Lempka's and William's for preparing the court and field, Cheri for making programs all year, and anyone who attended and supported our students this year.

The students work hard throughout the year in all their activities and deserve and appreciate your support.

## Seven Represent Sterling at All State Band



*The following students will be participating in the Class D All State Band and are pictured left to right: Nicole Wenzl, Kelsey Puls, Reba Hestermann, Matthew Erickson, Mark Lucas, Andrew Daehling, Billy Richardson.*

*By Lindsey LeMunyan*

Seven Sterling students have been selected to participate in the Nebraska Class D All-State Band. The event will be held on March 20 in Kearney, NE. The students will rehearse throughout the day and perform a concert that evening. Friends and family are invited to attend the concert. It is always a great show, and it is amazing to see our students making such beautiful music.

A few months ago, each student made an audition tape. The tapes were judged against all the other auditions submitted from over 40 schools across the state. Only 150 students are selected to participate out of the 300+ students who auditioned. This is an outstanding honor for our music students. They will be playing with a talented group of musicians and learning from outstanding conductors. **GO JETS!!**

# TECHS Class Builds A Computer

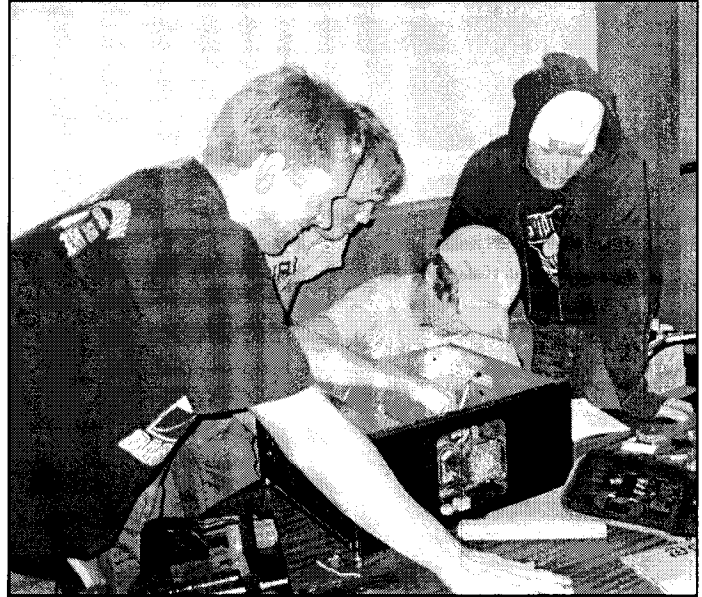
by Allison Zwygart, Instructor

On Tuesday, January 29, 2010 a group of four students from the Sterling Public Schools TECHS class attended the Build A Computer Workshop in Milford, NE. Mark Lucas, Jese Salberg, Zach Lempka, and Justin Puls along with instructor Allison Zwygart attended a day long workshop to build a computer from scratch.

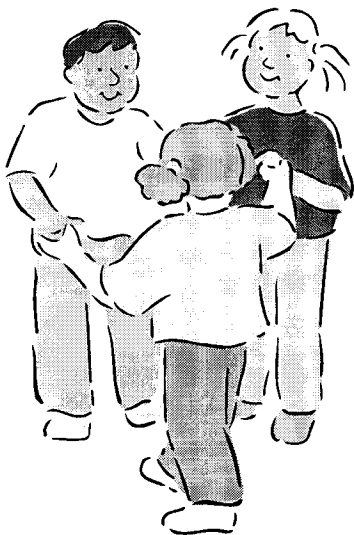
The four students spent the morning assembling the computer, then loading the open-source Linux operating system, Ubuntu onto the machine. The afternoon was spent learning the functions available with Linux, and other free-ware that can be utilized for surveys and screen video capturing.

Another special activity that the students were able to experience was that of the Green Screen. Students were able to see how computers are used in television and video to optimize the use of graphics and maps. The students were video taped in front of a green sheet, and then computer software was used to change the background to a picture of our school.

The workshop was conducted by ESU 10 from Kearney and held in conjunction with the TECHS class the students are enrolled in.



# Kindergarten Roundup



Thursday, April 15, 2010  
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

In the Kindergarten Room

*No Kindergarten Class that day!*

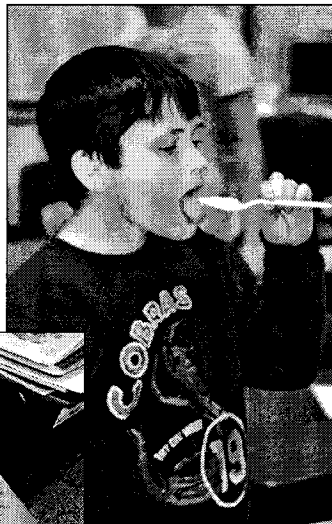
# Fifth Grade Enjoy Science Projects

The fifth grade class has been studying scientific inquiry for the past 2 weeks. This week they have been putting their scientific minds to work on experiments and testing their hypothesis. They have found that sometimes experiments work, sometimes they don't. They tested their hypothesis by trying their experiments. They were pretty disappointed when their experiments didn't turn out, but they were in awe when they did turn out. One picture we are sharing with you is of Taylor Cockerill explaining her experiment to the class. She had to list the 5 steps of the scientific method as she was testing her hypothesis. The experiment was making ice cream using Dixie cups and craft sticks. The students volunteered to stir the ice cream with the sticks for approximately 30 minutes. Their favorite part of this experiment was eating the results. It was delicious!

Other experiments included; bubbling wizards brew by Mason and Seth, foaming fountain by Katie and Analissa, taste test

by Austin W. and Dylan, Milk into Stone by Micah and Matthew, Hover Craft by Nyck and Chris, and Replica of a bottomless pit by Sydney P. and Tyler just to name a few.

We have also been studying animals of our earth and oceans. In the elementary hallway, we have animals displayed with information the students have researched. They did an excellent job and have found several facts they wanted to share. Stop in and take a look.



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**BLUE  
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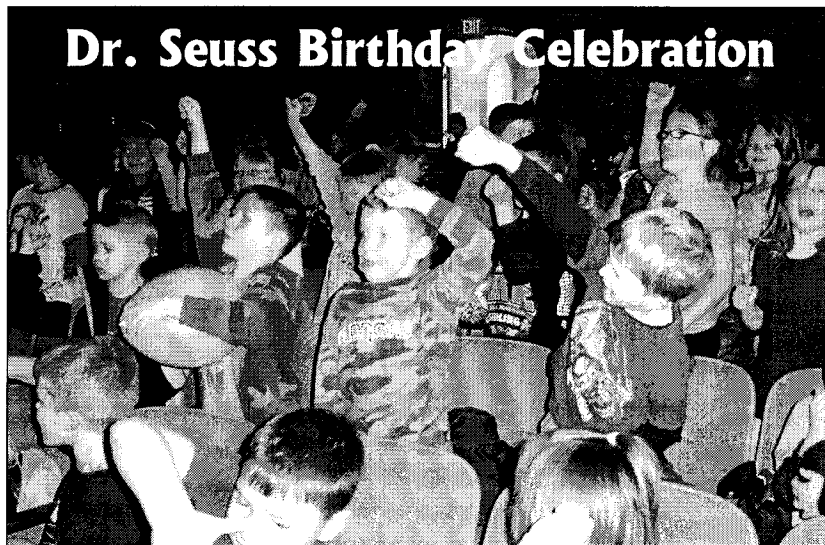
We ask that if you are picking up your student(s) who is not handicapped, that you don't use the handicapped parking. We do have staff and students that are in wheelchairs. The blue area is reserved for those in that situation. If you are disabled and have to come into the building then you are welcome to use the blue parking area also.

## 7th Grade Honor Roll

Megan Barber\*  
Paxton Donovan  
Jasmine Eickhoff\*  
Yasser Grato\*  
Meri Hietbrink\*  
Benjamin Logston\*  
Dennis Logston  
Michael Logston\*  
Tanner Shea\*  
Nathan Thies\*  
Rebecca Williams\*

\*denotes both 2nd quarter and 1st semester for those students

## Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

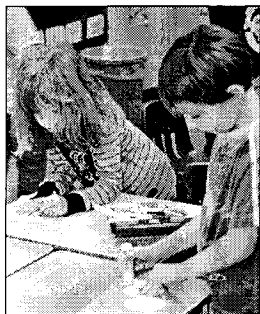


The students in Kindergarten, First, and Second grade enjoyed an afternoon performance at Peru State College. Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration is the program that was presented by Peru college students. The performance included several skits based on Dr. Seuss books. The students also took an oath for reading and sang "Happy Birthday" to Dr. Seuss.

## 100 Days for First Grade Means Fun

...Ninety-eight, ninety-nine, one HUNDRED!! The First Grade class celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 1. They designed their own autograph book and tried to get 100 signatures. Each student had counted out 100 pieces of their favorite cereal and we started the day with a class breakfast. We did several activities involving the number 100 throughout the day. We created headbands to wear, read books about 100, created a picture using the number 100 and designed a name quilt using 100 squares. We counted by 10's to 100 using our class number strip and then graphed each month's special shape and compared each month's total days. The class enjoyed snacks which consisted of 100 M&M's on a giant cookie, and 100 different pieces of fruit on our 100<sup>th</sup> day. Thank you to all the parents that helped in providing treats for our special day. The day was 100-derful!

*by Mrs. Hier, Teacher*



# Kindergarteners Enjoy Reading at the Sterling Senior Center



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The Kindergarteners have been very busy working in the different areas of the Kindergarten curriculum. In the Language Arts, they have been sounding out words and reading short stories. They have begun to write sentences for their journals so that they can express themselves on paper. Handwriting is always important so that they are able to write their letters correctly.

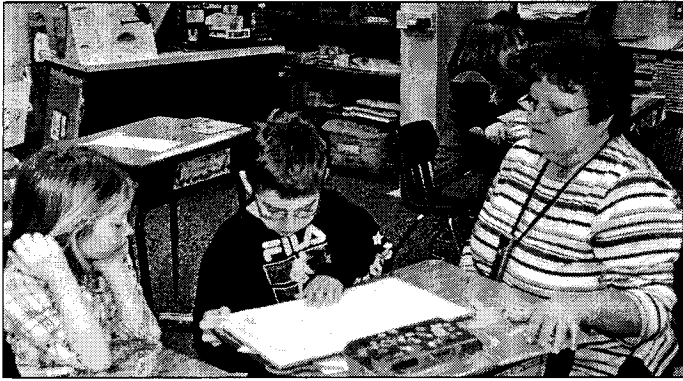
In Math, we just learned how to tell time by the hour and now we will be working on money. We are always working on our numbers by

counting to one hundred, counting by two's, five's and ten's, and writing them.

We are going to go to the Senior Center again and have the people there read to the students. We have not gone down there yet because of the bad weather we have been having. Hope the spring will allow us to go there more than once. The children in the past have really enjoyed it.

I have not started the mystery reader this year, but you are sure welcome to come in and read to the Kindergarteners. Just let me know and we can set up a time.

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE TEACHERS



## Tammy McAuliffe

Reading, writing, math, more reading, writing, science, etc. Welcome to Mrs. McAuliffe's second grade room – a place that's a hub of activity on a daily basis! Mrs. McAuliffe almost needs skates to keep up with the energy and learning excitement that occurs in her classroom.

Living on the only "farm" in St. Mary (as Mrs. McAuliffe calls it) with Mrs. McAuliffe are her husband, Terry; her daughter McKenzie, who is currently a sophomore at UNL, majoring in Animal Science/Pre-Vet; and Matt, who is attending SCC-Beatrice, majoring in Livestock Management. The family also includes stepson Kevin, wife Kirsten, & grandson, Carson, who live in Sterling; stepdaughter Gina, husband Mike, and grandchildren Michaela and Grant, who live in Adams, and stepson John, who lives in Lincoln and is a manager at Graham Tire Company (which comes in very handy when I have a vehicle issue)! Family is very important to Mrs. McAuliffe, and she feels blessed to have them so close, including having all five of the children graduate from Sterling Public Schools.

After Mrs. McAuliffe graduated from Tecum-

seh High School, she went on to receive her Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary/Special Education from Peru State College. Her inspiration for teaching came from her mother, Peggy Fuhrman, who Mrs. McAuliffe said was truly dedicated to teaching and she would share that enthusiasm at home when she was growing up. This passion was instilled in Mrs. McAuliffe at an early age. Watching the kids learn to read and excel in other academic areas is what she feels makes teaching such a great profession. Having the opportunity to teach her children, McKenzie and Matt was also an experience that she cherished and will never forget, even though the kids might share more "horror" stories than positive ones. (haha)

A treasured experience that Mrs. McAuliffe will always remember is when she began teaching second grade at Sterling. This is when she became a "TRUE" Husker fan. Adam Lempka was in her classroom, and always kept her up-to-date who the Huskers were playing every Saturday. Then, come Monday morning, Adam would share a detailed report of the game, and she learned that she better be able to answer a few questions about the outcome of the game or otherwise she would leave Adam disappointed. This was the beginning of her lifelong enjoyment of watching Nebraska football. And, it doesn't need to be said, but Mrs. McAuliffe is a true supporter of Sterling Jets athletics and activities also!

Being a member of the Sterling Public Schools staff is a passion for Mrs. McAuliffe. She loves her job, and is dedicated to the students. She works hard to motivate all students to reach their top potential goals. Our district is fortunate to have Mrs. McAuliffe in our midst!

## REMEMBER TO SAVE

### *CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS & BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION*

On the Campbell soup labels remember to cut the whole label with pc code also.

## Parents from across Nebraska will attend the 2010 Statewide Parent Involvement Conference!

**Saturday, March 27, 2010** – Classrooms at Westside Middle School will be filled with parents from across Nebraska ready to learn new and innovative parenting strategies at the 2010 Statewide Parent Involvement Conference.

This statewide conference will have many local experts hosting breakout sessions on a variety of parenting topics including, helping your child be a better reader, internet safety, impact of technology on children, discipline, peer pressure and nutrition. All conference attendees will receive a FREE copy of the book, *What Kids Need to Succeed: Proven, Practical Ways to Raise Good Kids*. Parents can also take advantage of resource exhibits and vendor booths at the conference.

This year's conference will open with keynote speaker Scott Butler. Scott is an assistant principal in the Millard Public Schools and the current chair of the Greater Omaha Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Initiative. He is a recognized expert in the *40 Developmental Assets*. Scott, along with his 16 year old son Danny, will focus on parent/child interactions and how assets can impact those interactions in positive ways.

Cost for the conference is \$25, which includes free childcare (families must be pre-registered). For more information, go to [www.westside66.org](http://www.westside66.org) or call (402)390-2109.

## Character Ed. Class Says "Can Do"



Pictured left to right back row: Jazzy Eickhoff, Austin Dirks, Nathan Thies, Matt Henke, SENCA Representative Julie Daire; front row: Rebeka Elson, Dennis Logston, Tanner Shea, and Aron Hickey.

Sterling's seventh grade career education class held a food drive on Saturday, January 23rd for the SENCA food pantry. These students collected dry and canned food items during the Nebraska City Lourdes vs. Sterling basketball game. There was a wonderful turn out, not only from the Sterling community members, but there were also several donations from Nebraska City patrons as well. Seventh grader Jasmine Eickhoff enjoyed the process, she said it was rewarding because, "We got to help people who are hungry and need help during the hard times."

# Sterling Alumni Men's Basketball Tournament Weekend of March 19, 20 & 21, 2010

*Hosted by the Sterling Alumni Association*

Registration or Team Entries for the Tournament are Due by

***Sunday, March 14, 2010***

For more information contact Vicky Benson at 866-5572 or cell 430-0621

or at [vickybenson@diodecom.net](mailto:vickybenson@diodecom.net)

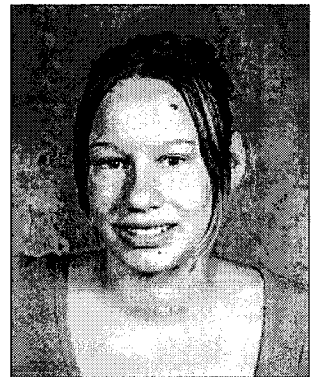
or visit the Sterling Community Association Website

[www.cr.sterling.ne.us](http://www.cr.sterling.ne.us)

There will also be a 3 point shooting contest for any men or women alumni. Also a free throw shooting contest open to any one, any age. Entry fee for each contest is \$5.



**March 2010**  
**Students of the Month are**  
**Willow Hunt**  
**and Chelsea McDonald**

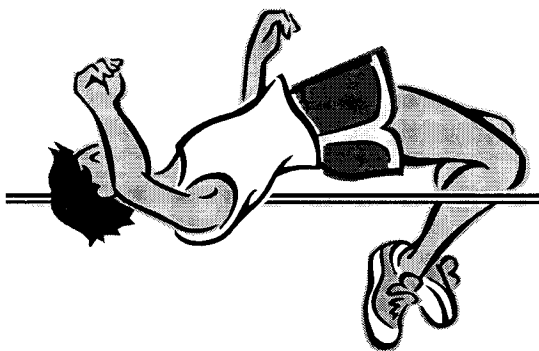


## STERLING H.S. TRACK SCHEDULE 2010

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
March 30	Tuesday	Turkey Creek Relays	Friend	10:00
April 7	Wednesday	Mustang Invite	Friend	10:00
April 13	Tuesday	Lewiston Invite	Auburn	9:30
April 17	Saturday	MUDECAS	Pawnee City	8:30
April 20	Tuesday	Irish Invite	Syracuse	10:00
April 27	Tuesday	Pawnee City Invite	Pawnee City	3:00
May 1	Saturday	Pioneer Conference	Auburn	9:00
May 4	Tuesday	Freeman Invite	Doane	9:00
May 7	Friday	Orville Rettig	Neb. City	9:00
May 12	Wednesday	Districts	Auburn	10:30
May 21-22	Fri-Sat.	State Track	Omaha	9:00

## STERLING JUNIOR HIGH TRACK 2010

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEET</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
April 15	Thursday	Pawnee City Invite	Pawnee City	10:00
April 22	Thursday	Johnson County Invite	JCC	4:00
April 24	Saturday	Mudecas	JCC	9:00
April 28	Wednesday	Lewiston Invite	Pawnee City	9:30
May 8	Saturday	Pioneer Conference	Pawnee City	9:00



Below you will find a Title I School-Wide Parent Survey. Beginning with the 2010-11 the title I program at Sterling will be a “school-wide” program. This means that all children will be eligible for needed assistance in their classrooms with our Title I teacher and therefore we need all K-5 parents to complete this enclosed survey. After you complete this survey will you please have your child return it to their classroom teacher? We will then compile the results and share them with you in the future.

**Title I School-wide Plan**  
**Parent Survey**

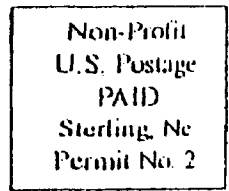
1. I like this school.	Yes	Sometimes	No
2. My child’s teachers care about them.	Yes	Sometimes	No
3. My child is proud of their schoolwork.	Yes	Sometimes	No
4. This school is a friendly place.	Yes	Sometimes	No
5. The teachers make learning fun and interesting for my child.	Yes	Sometimes	No
6. My child does well in Math.	Yes	Sometimes	No
7. My child does well in Reading.	Yes	Sometimes	No
8. My child does well in Writing.	Yes	Sometimes	No
9. I see the principal all around the school.	Yes	Sometimes	No
10. The teachers help when my child doesn’t understand.	Yes	Sometimes	No
11. I feel my child is safe in their classroom.	Yes	Sometimes	No
12. My child gets along well with other kids in this school.	Yes	Sometimes	No
13. My child’s teachers want them to do their best.	Yes	Sometimes	No
14. Teachers and other adults I know at school like my child.	Yes	Sometimes	No
15. I feel my child is safe all around the school.	Yes	Sometimes	No
16. Teachers have extra work to do for my child if they want to learn more about something.	Yes	Sometimes	No
17. The work in my child’s classes is challenging.	Yes	Sometimes	No
18. The rules of this school have to be followed.	Yes	Sometimes	No
19. The teachers like their work. They like to teach.	Yes	Sometimes	No
20. The teachers BELIEVE that my child can learn.	Yes	Sometimes	No

# Activities for March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Track Practice Begins	2 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> for Grades K-5 JH Girls BB vs. D/O 1 p.m. - HOME BB District Final @ Wilber HS - 7 pm	3	4 Girls State Basketball	5 Girls State Basketball	6 Girls State Basketball
7	8 District Speech @ Hampton	9	10	11 End of 3rd Quarter	12 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings</i> <i>Spring forward</i> <i>one (1) hour</i>	15 Jr. High Girls BB Tournament @ Johnson/Brook AWAY - 5 p.m.	16 <i>Noon Dismissal</i> for K-12 grades Pioneer Conference Quiz Bowl @ Sterling 1 p.m.	17 Youth Leadership @ Peru Peru Jazz Band Competition @ Peru State College	18 Boys State Basketball	19 Boys State Basketball	20 Boys State Basketball
21	22 Jr. High Quiz Bowl @ Omaha Brownell Talbot	23 MUDECAS Music Competition @ Meridian H.S. in Daykin, NE	24	25 MUDECAS Quiz Bowl @ SCC- Beatrice - 10 a.m.	26 5th-8th Band Contest @ HTRS (Table Rock Middle School)	27
28	29	30 Turkey Creek Relays @ Friend - 10 a.m.	31 Art Field Trip to Lincoln (9-12)	Alumni Basketball Tournament		
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SkillsUSA State Conference in Columbus - gone March 25-27						
Ag Econ Trip to Chicago - gone March 18-20						
Alumni Basketball Tournament						
The Calendar is subject to change.						



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Schedules will be Posted on the School Website*  
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